



Artist's rendering of the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic.

Groundbreaking marks milestone in health care

ARDMORE, Okla. – The recent health clinic groundbreaking ceremony in Ardmore marked “a significant milestone” in continuing efforts to enhance health care for American Indians in the area, Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

Dozens of tribal leaders, local officials, area residents and guests were on hand Feb. 17 to break ground for a new 66,000 square-foot medical clinic. The new building, at 2510 Chickasaw Boulevard, will be more than six times the size of the original clinic that opened in 1988.

“Providing high quality health care has long been one of our top priorities,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “This new state-of-the-art facility will provide more convenient access to Chickasaws and other American Indians in this area.”

Once complete, the new two-story building will connect to

the current facility via an enclosed corridor. It will include increased space for existing services as well as a significant increase in behavioral health services.

Physical therapy services currently housed in the Ardmore wellness center will be moved to the new clinic.

The new clinic will also include drive-through pharmacy services. Construction of the new facility is expected to be complete in summer 2012. Once complete, clinic staff will increase from 25 to approximately 100.

“Our clients will see even more benefits because this project qualified for the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Funding program,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “This program will enable us to increase the size of our staff much more quickly than would have been possible otherwise.”

An increase in the number of patient visits, Gov. Anoatubby said, led to the need for expanding the capacity of the facility. Planning for expansion of the clinic began in 2009.

The first phase of enlarging the capacity of the clinic consisted of an expansion of the existing facility. Funded by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus grant, the phase one remodeling project was completed in September 2010. That project included two new exam rooms, a larger pharmacy with a consultation room and other updates.

In 2010, the Ardmore Clinic accepted more than 15,000 primary care patient visits and more than 25,000 patient visits for behavioral health, dental care and optometry. Patient visits are expected to

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Voting is our heritage

A privilege, a duty, a responsibility

Exercising your right to vote is a civic duty and a moral virtue for many Americans.

the right to vote from 1856, when the first Chickasaw Constitution was ratified, until 1906. Legislation leading up to Oklahoma statehood in 1907,

“Voting is a way to honor our Chickasaw ancestors, many of whom fought for the right to vote, but never received it.”

- Gov. Bill Anoatubby



Gov. Anoatubby

In the eyes of many Chickasaw people, the right to vote in tribal election means even more because that right was suspended for more than 60 years.

Chickasaw people exercised

also led to the loss of tribal voting rights for Chickasaw people.

From 1906 to 1970, the federal government exercised full

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Ardmore Senior Site to provide modern setting for elders



Artist's rendering of the Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Senior Site.

ARDMORE, Okla. – Ground will be broken this year on a new 9,700 square-foot, full-service Chickasaw Nation senior site in Ardmore.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby announced the project last month following legislative approval

of the Governor's request for the \$3.6 million facility.

“We have had the new Ardmore senior site in the works for some time, and now we are prepared to move forward and provide a beautiful, new facility.”

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grow to more than 24,000 and 48,000, respectively, by 2020.

The Joint Venture funding program

The Joint Venture construction program was established to develop partnerships between tribes and the U.S. Indian Health Service. Under the competitive program, tribes that acquire or construct a tribally-owned health care facility may be selected to participate.

In exchange for purchasing or constructing a health care facility with tribal funds, the Indian Health Service provides funding for certain staffing and operational costs.

History of the Ardmore Clinic

The Chickasaw Nation opened its first outpatient health clinic in Ardmore on Jan. 14, 1985.

Temporarily located in the west end of the administration building on the Carter Seminary campus, the clinic was staffed by qualified medical personnel including a doctor, a dentist, two dental assistants, a registered nurse, and a physician's assistant.

At the time, the clinic was serving about 31 patients a day.

Prior to the opening of the Ardmore clinic, outpatient and inpatient services were available at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility (CAIHF) in Ada, Okla., while a health clinic in Tishomingo, Okla., provided outpatient services.

In May 1986, the Chickasaw Nation became one of the 13 tribes to be awarded U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community

Development Block Grant for the construction of a new clinic in Ardmore. More than 30 tribes had applied for the very competitive grants.

Construction of the 10,000 square foot health care facility on three acres in the northwest corner of the Carter Seminary campus began in August 1987. The clinic was opened in July, 1988.

In addition to a dental clinic, laboratory and a pharmacy, the new Ardmore clinic housed environmental health services, public health nursing, mental health services, Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) nutrition program, audiology screenings, pre-natal care and well-baby follow-ups after birth.

Result of a decade-long partnership between the tribe and the three federal agencies – Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), IHS and HUD, the Ardmore Clinic strived to meet the health care needs of the Native American population in the southwestern region of the Chickasaw Nation.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health (CNDH), under the leadership and vision of Gov. Anoatubby, serves more than 350,000 patients each year in the new state-of-the-art Medical Center in Ada and satellite clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Durant and Purcell. The CNDH staff and employees continue to strive daily to promote better health, wellness and nutrition among the Native American population.

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Celebrating new Ardmore Clinic



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, front row, third from left, is joined by tribal leaders, local officials, area residents and other guests in breaking ground for the new Chickasaw Nation Ardmore Health Clinic in Ardmore, Okla., Thursday, Feb. 17. Joining in for the groundbreaking in the front row from left are Ardmore Health Clinic physician Ryan Schafer, tribal administrator Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, Gov. Anoatubby, IHS Oklahoma City Area Director Rear Adm. Kevin Meeks, Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, IHS Oklahoma City Assistant Area Director Captain Max Tashuda, tribal legislators David Woerz, Connie Barker, Shana Tate Hammond, Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green.

Highlights on Chickasaw.tv

Watch the videos and highlights of the Ardmore Clinic groundbreaking event on the March 1 episode of the Chickasaw Nation Television (CNTV)

available at www.chickasaw.net and www.chickasaw.tv.

The biweekly news show highlighting events, people and activities in the Chicka-

saw Nation, airs the first and the fifteenth of every month. Archives of the programs are also available on www.chickasaw.tv.

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ity that will offer improved service and surroundings to our Ardmore-area elders, Gov. Anoatubby said.

"Our elders deserve not only our respect, but our attention to the quality of their lives. This new senior site will provide an exceptional environment for elders to enjoy nutritious meals, engage in physically and mentally stimulating activities, and enjoy each other's fellowship."

The new Ardmore site will include a full-service kitchen,

and a large dining room with seating capacity of 100. A separate computer room, an exercise room, and an arts and craft room will also be included.

Elders will also appreciate the covered entrance for pick-up and drop-off.

The Ardmore senior site will be designed by the Dallas architectural firm of Boynton Williams and Associates.

Currently, about 45 elders utilize the Ardmore site daily, and another 40 receive site-

prepared meals in their own homes.

The tribe opened the original Ardmore site in 1988. The site was located in the Community Center gymnasium. The current Ardmore site was dedicated in 1996.

The new Ardmore site will provide easy access to other tribal facilities, including the new Ardmore Health Clinic. The new 66,000 square-foot tribal clinic is scheduled for 2012 completion.

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Our tribe has traveled far since 1964 Seeley Chapel gathering

When Chickasaws gathered at Seeley Chapel in 1964, none of us realized the new and progressive era that was just ahead for the Chickasaw Nation.

After decades of federal Indian policy that, most recently, had emerged from yet another termination period, Chickasaws had at least the feeling of progress. Overton James had been appointed Governor by President Kennedy and would later be elected by the Chickasaw people in our first modern election.

Oklahoma Rep. and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Carl Albert visited with us that day at Seeley Chapel. Speaker Albert was a long-time supporter of the Chickasaw Nation and of tribal sovereignty.

In those days things were "informal." We gathered under arbors to discuss the news of the day and to hear the reports from our tribal administration on the state of the Chickasaw Nation.

Needless to say, in those days the reports didn't take very long! Our entire budget was very small and was virtually 100 percent federal dollars. With these meager resources, the Chickasaw Nation was to care for its people.

In 1964, you could buy a gallon of gasoline or a loaf of bread for 20 cents. That doesn't sound like much



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
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now, but for many Chickasaws it was most often a struggle to afford even the basics. We knew, even back then, we had to get on the road to change our future for the better.

When I was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1979, we had made some progress. However, we knew we were not fulfilling so many needs of the Chickasaw people. We needed to build our tribe so we could produce the resources necessary to serve the people properly.

It was very clear to us in tribal administration that assistance from the federal government was not going to be the long-term answer to our needs. We would build businesses of our own.

As any start-up business person knows, in the beginning it can be a rocky road! We had our ups and downs, and more than our share of challenges. However, we Chickasaws stayed the course together and discovered the path that would support those

programs and services so important to the people.

Today, as you know, we are engaged in a wide variety of commercial endeavors including entertainment, consulting, hospitality, health care, finance, manufacturing and media. We have built this diverse and growing base of businesses to generate the resources to serve Chickasaw people fully and well.

Our business success is a foundation that provides

the resources for most of our important programs.

Today, any Chickasaw willing to do the work and keep his or her grades up receives financial assistance for education. We are now graduating more Chickasaw professionals and tradesmen than ever, and the number grows every year. With education, our young Chickasaws can meet the challenges of today's world head on.

Chickasaws now have the benefit of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, undoubtedly the finest Indian health care facility in the country. By utilizing our commercial resources, and engaging in an IHS joint venture agreement, Chickasaws now receive the very best in health care. We are also beginning construction on vastly enhanced medical clinics in Ardmore and Tishomingo.

Last year we dedicated our Chickasaw Cultural Center where Chickasaws and others can experience, enjoy and study Chickasaw culture and history.

We are building homes for Chickasaw families, assisting with home financing, opening senior sites, providing counseling and assistance to Chickasaw families in need, creating programs for our At-Large Chickasaws, and so much more.

Those gatherings at Seeley Chapel planted the seeds of progress for the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws understand struggle – the Lord knows what our people have endured. And Chickasaws understand how to overcome the challenges of life.

While we may never believe we "have it made," we have now achieved a self-sustaining path that offers a bright future for all Chickasaws.

Legislators enjoy 'sweet time' during Bedre' Day at state capitol



Bedre' Chocolate staff members Melissa Walker, left, and Patricia Harris (partially hidden) introduce Sen. Greg Treat (R-Edmond), to a few tasty Bedre' chocolates during last month's Bedre' Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bedre' Chocolate Day was observed last month at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

The event, hosted Feb. 16 by the Chickasaw Nation and State Sen. Susan Paddack (D-Ada), showcased the Chickasaw Na-

tion-produced chocolates to legislators, staff members and guests.

"I love chocolate, but Bedre' Chocolate is the best and it is a tremendous honor and privilege to host Bedre' Day in the Senate," said Sen. Paddack.

Sen. Paddack's district includes Ada and the area in Pauls Valley where the Bedre' factory is located.

The event, Sen. Paddack said, was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the tribally-owned business and introduce new products to lawmakers.

State legislators and other attendees received samples of Bedre's famous chocolate bars, melt-a-ways and chocolate-covered potato chips.

State Rep. Wes Hilliard (D-Sulphur) also attended the event. Along with Sen. Paddack, Rep. Hilliard represents the Pauls Valley area in the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

"Bedre' Day is great venue for elected officials to see the enterprises of the Chickasaw Nation, Rep. Hilliard said.

"Bedre' is known worldwide, and it is located right here in the heart of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation. It is also an opportunity for people all over the state to see a business we



From left, Oklahoma State Sen. Frank Simpson (R-Ardmore), Bedre' general manager Niclas Carlsson, State Sen. Susan Paddack, (D-Ada), and State Rep. Wes Hilliard (D-Sulphur), at Bedre' Chocolate Day last month at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Bedre' Day showcased the products of the tribally-owned business.

don't typically associate with Oklahoma."

Bedre' chocolate is produced in an 18,000 square-foot factory in Pauls Valley and shipped and sold worldwide under its own name, as well as under the label of other companies.

Bedre' Day was observed just

two days after the company experienced brisk sales during the Valentine's Day season.

For more information about Bedre' Chocolates visit www.bedrechocolates.com

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Tribal stations, personality honored

A tribally-owned radio station and a radio personality have recently been selected to be honored by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB.)

Ada-based radio station KTLS will be honored with the 2010 Community Service Award during the organization's annual conference in Oklahoma City.

The award recognizes the station's outstanding local news coverage and public affairs programming with special emphasis on information relating to Oklahoma's veterans.

"It is an extreme honor to get this recognition from the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters because they are our peers," said general manager Roger Harris.

Last year, KTLS was named Radio Station of the Year by the American Legion Department of Oklahoma for its service to the veterans' community.

For the fourth year in a row, Rich Kaye, KYKC Radio's morning personality, has been named one of the three finalists for the Air Personality of the Year Award.

Mr. Harris said Mr. Kaye's nomination acknowledges his "creativity" and "loyalty to the listeners."

Mr. Kaye has been with KYKC, the 50,000-watt country music station, for about 17 years and can be heard every day 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. on KYKC Coffee Shop & Wake up Show.

"Just to be nominated

in the entire state of Oklahoma is an extreme honor," said Mr. Kaye. "This is my fourth year to be nominated. This may be my year."

Both KTLS and KYKC are parts of the South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises (SCORE), owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. Other SCORE radio stations are KADA-AM, KADA-FM and KXFC.

Broadcast in 12 Oklahoma counties, SCORE stations have an audience of approximately 75,000 listeners.



Rich Kaye

The annual OAB conference is scheduled for March 31 and April 1 at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City.

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Chickasaw Times available on the web

Launched late last year, the new *Chickasaw Times* online version makes staying in touch and informed about Chickasaw citizens, services and events even easier.

Featuring "turn-by turn" pages and easy-to-navigate toolbar on each page, *Chickasaw Times* online offers many new features, including a

search tab and cut, paste and email options.

Archived and special editions are also available on the site, as well as Web Exclusive articles.

In addition, those accessing *the Chickasaw Times* using iPhones or iPads will be directed to a special mobile version, created just for these

devices.

Links to jobs, Chickasaw.net, upcoming events and a link to contact *the Chickasaw Times* is also located on the new site. Current area weather is also featured on the site.

This issue of *the Chickasaw Times* is now available at www.ChickasawTimes.net.

Own a home in the Chickasaw Nation or about to? Pick up free trees, shrubs and sod at seminar

A Chickasaw Nation landscaping products distribution program seminar is set for 5:30 p.m., Tues., April 5 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw homeowners and those in the process of purchasing homes within tribal boundaries are eligible to receive trees, shrubs, and sod for their home.

Attending the seminar is a requirement to participate in the landscaping products distribution program. Topics cov-

ered include types of plant species, and care and maintenance for a variety of vegetation.

Participants must provide the following documentation; copy of Chickasaw citizenship card, utility bill and proof of home ownership (warranty deed, insurance binder or letter from the lender.) Applicants must reside in the service area.

For more information, contact Patty Daniels at (580) 235-6582.

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Children's Fair set for March 19 at Agri-Plex

ADA, Okla. - The 10th Annual Chickasaw Nation Children's Fair is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 19 at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex in Ada.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the family-oriented, free event celebrating young children and honoring the individuals involved in their education and care.

The Fair will feature fashion shows, a petting farm, diaper dash, baby party, door prizes, giveaways and several booths providing health and wellness resources for the entire family.

The event is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, in participation with many commu-

nity organizations and businesses.

Deadline to register for a booth and to order 2011 Fair t-shirts is March 4.

A plaque will be awarded to the best booth with a positive message about child protection. To learn more or to obtain registration form, contact Scott Wingo at 580-272-5324 or scott.wingo@chickasaw.net.

To obtain T-shirt order forms, contact Elizabeth Brewer at (580) 436-3980.

For more information about the Fair, contact Deanna Carpitche at (580) 421-4591.

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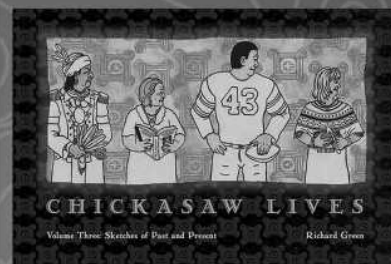
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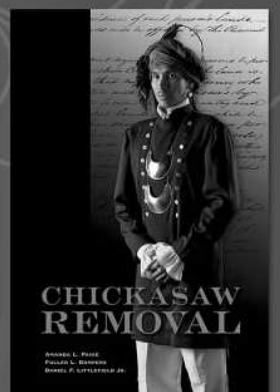
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New clinic, senior site to serve Pickens District

We know Pickens District is the fastest growing part of the Chickasaw Nation.

As the largest geographic district in the Chickasaw Nation, and one of the districts bordering Lake Texoma and north Texas, Pickens is drawing new residents to communities like Ardmore, Madill, Marietta, Duncan, Thackerville and many more. People move here to enjoy the lake and the somewhat slower pace of life.

And residents old and new require excellent health care.

I am very pleased to announce ground has been broken on our new 66,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in Ardmore. This new facility, to be completed in 2012, will be about four times the size of our current clinic, and will offer much more in the way of services, convenience and professional providers.

I must express my thanks to Governor Bill Anoatubby, who has made this clinic a priority. The Governor early recognized the need for expanded health care in the Ardmore area, and he acted on it. Patients will benefit from this project's selection for U.S. Indian Health Service Joint Venture funding.

What that means for you, me and all other Chickasaws and other Native Americans who will utilize the clinic, is booming growth in our staff of physicians, nurses, technicians, and other health care providers.

You can absolutely count on exceptional medical care when you utilize the Ardmore Health Clinic!

It is obvious to me, as it has been to Governor Anoatubby, that health care excellence is the number one priority among Chickasaw citizens. We have heard you!

In 2010, the Ardmore clinic received more than 40,000 patient visits for primary care, dental services, optometry and behavioral health. We see that number growing in the future, and this new clinic ensures we will be prepared to deliver the very best care.

The other big news for Pickens District Chickasaws is the approved construction of a new \$3.6 million senior site in Ardmore.

The new site, a 9,700 square-foot building that provides plenty of space for elder meals and activities, will be on the same campus as the health clinic and wellness center.

We are growing in the Pickens District! We expect Chickasaws and other Native Americans to continue to locate in our area and enjoy the fellowship, activities and services supported by the Chickasaw Nation.

As always, thank you for taking the time to read this column today, and I look forward to talking with you soon!

David A. Woerz
Pickens District, Seat 1
Ardmore, Oklahoma



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WOERZ**

Chairman,
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Expansion taking place at our senior sites

Chukma! Chin Chukma. I hope that you are experiencing warmer weather. We are here in the Chickasaw Nation but we need rain really badly.

I currently serve as Secretary of the Legislature and as Committee Chair of the Human Resources Committee. It is the responsibility of the H.R. Committee to research and present all resolutions pertaining to "services to tribal citizens, gubernatorial appointments and employees of the Chickasaw Nation," as it states in Title 16, Section 16-204 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. That business includes resolutions asking the Legislature to approve program applications made by the many departments of the executive branch of our government.

This month (February as I write this article), the Division of History and Culture submitted a resolution seeking legislative approval for a grant application in the amount of \$150,000 which would be used for the digitization of a Chickasaw Dictionary and an Analytical Dictionary. The resolution passed by unanimous vote. If we receive the grant, both dictionaries will be made available on the Chickasaw web site with hyperlinks to audio files. That way, when you are using the dictionaries, you will be able to hear the correct enunciation of the Chickasaw words. I am always amazed at

what our Administrators are able to do and this will be a wonderful way for Chickasaw citizens to get acquainted with our language.

This month the Legislature also passed a development budget amendment for an addition to be built at the Madill Senior Center. Participation in the Madill area has certainly outgrown the facility and the addition will be most welcomed! If you remember, the Legislature last month approved a development budget amendment to build an entire new senior site for Ardmore. We seniors have so much to be thankful for here in the Chickasaw Nation and I am blessed to be able to participate in bringing these programs and facilities into being.

You may remember that a couple of years ago Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. (CNI), our tribal corporation, purchased the old McSwain Theater here in Ada. We completely renovated the theater and even purchased the building space next door to it to add space. This month the Legislature also unanimously approved receiving a gift of the McSwain Theater from CNI and it will be added to the tribal land base. This is another example of the many successes that we as a nation are enjoying.

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Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4



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Secretary,
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Volunteer now for cleanup of Bloomfield Cemetery

Mark your calendars for upcoming events! This is early however; if we start now it gives you time to spread the word to all of your family and friends. Chickasaw West will be holding their annual picnic and meeting on Saturday, June 4, 2011. The Gathering is held at Santee Lakes just outside of San Diego, California. For more information you may contact Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392 or by email tandysharon@yahoo.com

Congratulations to our Achille Senior Center Sweethearts, Ms. Dolly Nichols and Ms. Neva Hodge. A Valentine Banquet was held in Tishomingo and each Center's sweethearts were crowned.

This year, the statewide Johnson-O'Malley Conference (JOM) was held in Catoosa, Oklahoma at the Cherokee Nation's Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. JOM was established in 1934, to provide federal assistance to supplement local school funds in an effort to educate Indian children. The yearly conference allows for updated information and to interact with other educators and parents. Together we can insure our children get the education they deserve.

Did you happen to notice the story on page 12 of last month's Times? If not go back and look at it! The featured historic site was in the Panola District! The Albertson/Collins house located in Colbert, Oklahoma, was home to my great grandfather, Benjamin Collins. He was raised there by his Aunt Sally and Uncle Dan Collins. There are other interesting points of interest in the Panola District. If you ever make it down our way, call.

With spring fast approaching, vegetation will begin to grow by leaps and bounds! If you would like to assist other volunteers in the clean up of Bloomfield Cemetery please contact Mr. DeLloyd Hicks at (580) 916-8284. Not only is it an opportunity to get in shape but a chance to enjoy some fellowship.

Last month I wrote about Mr. Robert Hisaw of New Mexico. On February 9th, Robert celebrated his 98th birthday! By sharing his genealogy, the family was able to connect with other Mary Maytubby descendants. I am sad to report that Mr. Hiisaw passed away. My thought and prayers go out to Willie Fae and the family.

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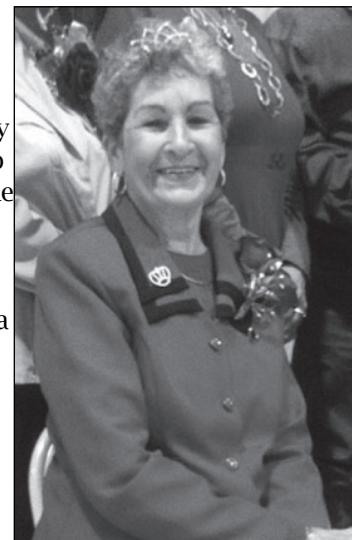
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Ms. Neva Hodge

Ardmore Clinic expansion a great sign for our future!

It is truly a blessing to see the positive economic and social service events unfolding as we approach the second quarter of our calendar year. Our infrastructure remains sound as an unconquerable Nation and positive leadership continues to strengthen our ability to provide healthcare services, develop new clinic facilities, as evidenced by the recent first quarter ground breaking ceremonies conducted by Governor Anoatubby and Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, in Ardmore.

Our Governor saw the need to develop greater capacity for our citizens in the Ardmore area with plans to expand clinic services and provide the additional space necessary to accomplish healthcare delivery, along with pharmaceutical services. This clinic will serve all citizens within the service area.

With the leadership of administrators specialized in their respective divisions, all services continue to thrive and extension of our programs seems unstoppable. Investment in the people is an attribute close to the hearts of our elders, our Governor, our Legislators, Judicial leaders and the administrative leaders who carry out all of the essential and non-essential programs that make us great.

I believe we are well positioned to move through this year with even greater accomplishments due to the strong stewardship that we practice to ensure that our revenues support the expenses incurred to operate such a large Nation diversified in many different segments of business and service.

Our year is truly bright, our people are inspired, we are blessed with ancestral power and will power, and we will continue to reach higher levels of self-actualization as well as the strength that we have within our "sense of community."

Thank you for allowing me to a part of this historic time of growth and prosperity. God bless.

Connie Barker

Tribal Legislator Pickens District



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BARKER**

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Be sure and attend the All Nations Powwow

Hello Everyone,
Since the last winter storm in early February, the weather has been so nice. It feels like spring is here!

But, as my mother used to say, "We might still get an Easter spell." What she meant was that sometimes we get one last winter storm, late, on or around Easter. So, even though it has been unseasonably warm lately, the change from winter to spring might not be quite complete.

A change that has been completed is the date for the All Nations Annual Pow Wow of Ada. This year, the date for the ANAPWA has been moved from its usual December date to April 2.

The ANAPWA is fun for all! Everyone is invited and admission is free. There will also be Native American arts and crafts booths.

After starting in 2007 and taking last year off, the ANAPWA is now in its fourth year. Bobby and Jean Billey, David and Couita Nucosee, and Karla Windyboy founded the event in an effort to bring the positive cultural aspects of a pow wow to Ada. The ANAPWA mission statement is "to promote Native American culture through traditional song, dance arts, and social gatherings."

From modest beginnings of 100 registered dancers, representing 35 tribes from 8 different states, held in the conven-

tion building of the Pontotoc County Fair Grounds, the ANAPWA has doubled in size and has partnered with the Native American Students Association of East Central University to cohost this year's event at the Kerr Activity Center on the ECU campus.

The pow wow begins at 2 p.m. with the Gourd Dance. The Grand Entry is at 7 p.m.

This year's Head Staff is Kiowa tribal member, Sammy "Tonkei" White. The Host Northern Drum for this year's event is the Red Land Singers and the Host Southern Drum is the Otter Trail Singers.

Our own Chickasaw Honor Guard will be the color guard for the event.

For more information, you can contact Jean Billey at (580) 332-1983 or (580) 272-7446.

I hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Katie



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Your young student can participate in great programs!

Hello Everyone,
We, in the Chickasaw Nation, understand that education is important for the future success of our tribe; therefore, education is one of our top priorities.

We have many educational programs and services designed to assist our students in obtaining their individual goals. Among these programs are the Chickasaw Honor Club and the Outstanding Achievement Recognition. The Chickasaw Honor Club provides an added incentive for students between the 2nd and 12th grades to strive for academic excellence. Students earning all A's or A's and

B's can be awarded Wal-Mart gift cards each 9-week grade period.

If your student is not a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, then you can check with your student's school to see if they are a participating member. Students in non-participating schools or who reside outside the boundaries are also eligible.

An application can be completed to enroll your student, and parents can submit the grade cards for each 9-week grade period. Students can also receive awards for perfect attendance.

Another great program is the Outstanding Achievement Recognition. Applications can

be submitted monthly by parents, teachers or counselors, and awards are presented in various aspects of outstanding achievement.

I recently had the pleasure of touring our new Science, Technology, and Math Academy, where the Robotics teams are working hard to get ready for their upcoming competitions. The students are given six weeks to design, build, and program a working robot with the help of mentors to compete in games.

Our science, math, and technology program was formed to educate elementary through high school students about the opportunities available in those fields. Teams are formed through a national organization called FIRST, which stands for inspiration and recognition of science and technology. The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs.

Students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information on these and other programs, please refer to the website at www.chickasaw.net or the Program and Services Guide. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

Nancy Elliott

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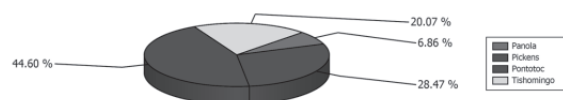


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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,779	Pontotoc	11,562
Pickens	7,380	Tishomingo	5,203
25,924			



Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

We are focused on health care, elder services

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District! Last month I mentioned how cold it had been here in Ada in January. Well, we just completed the coldest February on record and also had record snow falls. The Nation offices were closed for four straight days and schedules were turned upside down. Several of us missed some Community Council meetings, but we hope to see you again soon.

We attended the ground-breaking for the new joint venture medical clinic to be built in Ardmore on the grounds of the old Carter Seminary. The current clinic is too small for the large Native American population in the southern Chickasaw Nation and the new center will be much larger in size.

We also toured the new senior citizen apartment complex on that site. The apartments are built for comfort and are the nicest ones yet that we have built for our elders.

The complex in Ardmore will eventually contain the senior apartments, medical center, food distribution center, healthy lifestyle center and the senior citizens site (which the Legislature approved in January) and office space. This is the first such complex in the Chickasaw Nation and we hope that we can someday duplicate it in other parts of the Nation.

If you are live near Ada or are in town on April 2 this year, you would be well pleased to attend the All Nations Pow Wow at the Kerr Center on the East Central University campus. This is an annual event but has been moved from December to April this year. Hope to see you there!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



MARY JO GREEN

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New Ardmore senior site; upgrade at Madill

It's almost spring and the rainy season is upon us. What a blessing to see the changing of the seasons and all the beauty that comes with it.

Last month it was my privilege to announce that the legislature passed a resolution to build a new senior site in Ardmore. More good things are happening for the Pickens district. At our February session, we passed a resolution to expand and renovate the Madill senior site. I know the seniors in the Madill area will be so excited to see this happen. They are a very close group of people and love to gather at their site.

Additionally, we broke ground on the new medical center on Ardmore's campus. After a few weather delays, we gathered on February 17 to mark the expansion of the Chickasaw campus in Ardmore. Construction will start soon and is scheduled to be complete by 2012.

After the ground breaking ceremony, a few of us had the privilege of touring the new independent living apartments on the old Carter Seminary campus. Construction is complete on these apartments, and the Division on Aging is working to get them prepared for people to move in. There will be an application process to live in the apartments. Watch for details to come on how to apply. The good news is that a few more phases of apartments are expected to occur in the coming years.

Ardmore's campus is really shaping up. Once the seniors are moved into the new apartments, they will have access to the senior site, health clinic, nutrition center and wellness center – all within walking distance.

I pray that each and every one of you has a happy and healthy March. I am honored to serve you.

Shana Tate Hammond
Pickens District, Seat 4



SHANA HAMMOND

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People across the country discovering Cultural Center

Hello Everyone,
I sit down to write this article as my mother, wife and I have just returned from the Chickasaw Cultural Center. Michael Cornelius, Cultural Activities Manager, held a wonderful traditional native flute presentation. Mr. Cornelius discussed the various materials used for flutes, demonstrated on video how a river cane flute is made, and discussed how flutes in general were used in Chickasaw culture. Accompanied by Jeremy Wallace on the drum and shaker, one of the songs he played for us was called "Cold Maker." The feeling and emotion Michael put into the flute made it seem like the temperature in the room dropped 20 degrees. I appreciate all the talented people who share our Chickasaw culture with the many visitors everyday.

We really enjoyed visiting with Fran Parchorn about some of the work that went in to opening the Cultural Center. You can tell it was a labor of love. Her daughter Courtney has been featured in a Chickasaw Nation commercial and has some amazing beadwork on display in the gift shop.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center attracts visitors from around the world and close to home. Today an Upward Bound group of about 25 students were visiting from Tulsa and had the experience of participating in a Stomp Dance led by instructors in the outdoor seating (Kochcha' Aabinili') area of the Center.

If you have not been to the Cultural Center yet, I highly encourage you to do so. With Spring right around the corner, it is a great way to enjoy a beautiful day.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family,
Toby Perkins, Legislator
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First-ever festival to feature Indian classical musicians and students

Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival set for June 3-5

Classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala wants to break stereotypes surrounding what "Indian music" is all about.

"There are people who think that it's all flutes, drums and chanting," Ayala, a citizen of the Yaqui tribe in Arizona, said, "but there is so much more."

Ayala is a featured performer at the inaugural Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, set for June 3-5 in Ada, Okla. The festival is the first of its kind and will feature many of the top names among American Indian composers and performers of modern classical music.

"The Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is unique because it will highlight major Native American performers and show the various things that we are capable of," Ayala said.

When Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate approached him and presented the idea of a chamber music festival featuring Native American performers and composers, Ayala was immediately on board.

"I thought 'Wow. What a fabulous idea,'" he said.

Ayala hopes the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival

will raise awareness of Native American classical musicians and composers on a national level.

"Being a Native American and a classical musician is like being a minority amongst a minority, he said.

"Hopefully the festival will plant a seed and show that there are many talented Native Americans who are making careers in classical music."

Playing the guitar since childhood, Ayala has received many accolades, released numerous albums and shared the stage with legendary performers including The Four Tops, The Temptations, Richie Havens and Dr. John.

He continues to perform regularly and has appeared at the Poway Center for Performing Arts, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Museum for the American Indian.

With a master's degree in music performance from the University of Arizona, he has taught at all levels from elementary through college.

Not only is Ayala recognized in the United States, but he has been a featured performer at the "Festival Internacional de la Guitarra Academica" in Ven-

ezuela.

With his music, he strives to think "outside the box" and break stereotypes among Native and non-Native people by performing classical, jazz, flamenco, and a combination of them all in new compositions of his own.

"I always try new things that aren't traditionally associated with the guitar to show the diversity of both my instrument and myself as an individual," he said.

Gabriela Ayala's performance at the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival is set for Saturday evening, June 4

"It's an extreme honor to perform at this groundbreaking event," he said.

In addition to his performance, Ayala will serve as an instructor for the festival's master classes designed to critique and encourage select student participants in a performance setting.

"I want the students to know that the sky's the limit for Native American musicians."

For more information on the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, visit www.chickasaw.net/ccmf.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.



Classical guitarist Gabriel Ayala. Mr. Ayala will be featured at the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival, June 3-5 in Ada, Okla. Photo provided.

Spirit of outstanding Chickasaws featured on Chickasaw.tv's *Unconquerable*

An astronaut, an architect, a group dedicated to the preservation of Chickasaw language and a 14-year-old horse trainer. What do they have in common? They all possess the unconquerable Chickasaw spirit – and are all featured in the new Chickasaw.tv series, *Unconquerable*.

Hosted by State Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy, *Unconquerable* is an ongoing series of stories profiling a diverse selection of remarkable people in the Chickasaw Nation. So far, *Unconquerable* has featured the following stories:

Hiawatha Estes – an architect and nephew of Chickasaw storyteller and performer Te Ata



who was a prolific designer of modern ranch-style homes in southern California.

Kelby Williams – a young Chickasaw who is determined to break her first colt at her family's ranch near Sulphur.

John Herrington – NASA flight engineer and astronaut who became the first Native American in space.

Champions of the Chickasaw Language – highlights some

of the individuals in the Chickasaw Nation who have a passion for Chickasaw language revitalization.

Do you know a Chickasaw who you think is "unconquerable" and has a story to share with others? Let us know! An

electronic nomination form can be found on Chickasaw.tv's People channel. Simply click on the "Unconquerable" banner in order to fill out and send the form.

Watch for future episodes of *Unconquerable* coming soon. For more information about *Unconquerable* and other videos available on Chickasaw.tv, visit www.chickasaw.tv.

CONTRIBUTED BY Joshua Rogers, Public Affairs

The Chickasaw Council House Museum Presents:

Traditional Pinch Pot Class

Where:

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When:

March 12, 2011
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join Instructor Susan Webb for an afternoon of fun and learning.

Supplies will be furnished.

For more information, call: (580) 371-3351

TeAta Fisher Employee Art Show May 10-21

Visual, literary, culinary arts at tribal employee show

ADA, Okla. - Employees of the Chickasaw Nation will have an opportunity to share their artistic ability at the 2011 Te Ata Fisher Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show, hosted by the tribal Division of Arts and Humanities.

Scheduled for May 10-21, the show will feature diverse talents of the Chickasaw Nation employees. Artwork will be exhibited in the gallery of the new Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada.

Visual artists may enter up to four pieces of original artwork (up to two pieces per category) in two-dimensional, three-dimensional, cultural, textile and miniature categories. Submitted artworks must be ready for display.

Literary and culinary arts are two new areas of competition for this year's

show.

For literary arts, writers may enter up to two short stories or poems. Those wishing to enter the culinary arts competition may enter up to two desserts but in separate categories including cakes, special occasion cakes, specialty cookies or pies.

Registration forms and art works, literary works and culinary arts items must be received in the Division of Arts and Humanities offices on or before the following deadlines:

Visual artwork: Registration deadline is Monday, May 2. Deadline to submit visual artwork is between 7:30 a.m. and noon, Tuesday, May 10.

Culinary arts: Registration deadline is Monday, May 2. Culinary entries are due between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 14. Culinary arts entries will only be received at the south door on 10th street of the division building.

Literary Arts: Submission and registration deadline is Monday, May 2 to allow time for judging.

Employees entering more than one area of competition (visual, literary or culinary) may enter works in up to two categories overall for the 2011 show. There are no entry fees.

Open to the public free of charge, exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tribal employees who attend the show, beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 through 10 a.m. Saturday, May 14 may cast a vote for their favorite artwork of the show. The artwork re-

ceiving the most votes will receive the Employee Choice Award at the awards ceremony. A tribal employee badge is required to cast a vote.

Winners of all visual, literary and culinary categories will be recognized at an awards ceremony and reception scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Arts and Humanities building.

Registration forms and detailed entry guidelines can be found on MyNation at <http://mynation.chickasaw.net> or by contacting the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Youth Arts celebrated March 26

Dr. Seuss-inspired drawings, sand art and temporary tribal tattoos are just a few booths scheduled for this year's Youth Art Month celebration 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 26 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Other activities include a moon bounce, sidewalk chalk art and a KCNP Chickasaw Community Radio booth where participants can play DJ.

Performances by the Chickasaw Children's Choir are on the

April 1 Elders Day set for Community Center

Cultural crafts, traditional hymns and storytelling will take place as tribal elders meet for Elders Day 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, April 1 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The event is sponsored by the Cultural Resources Department of the tribal Division of History and Culture. A semi-annual event, Elders Day honors our tribal elders and provides opportunities for elders to share their knowledge about the culture and traditions of the Chickasaw people.

A traditional lunch will also be served.

For more information, contact the Cultural Resources Department at (580) 332-8685.

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Art Month. "Art Unites All People" is this year's theme.

Established in 1961, Youth Art Month is sponsored by The Council for Art Education, Inc. and the Art & Creative Materials Institute to emphasize the value of art and art education for all children.

The Chickasaw Community Center is located at 700 North Mississippi.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or email laura.stewart@chickasaw.net.

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Native business owners eligible for SBA strategic growth, networking program

Native American small business owners interested in expanding their businesses are encouraged to apply to the free Emerging 200 program.

An initiative of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the e200 program enables business owners to develop a strategic growth plan as well as provides them with the networking opportunities and resources required to build a sustainable business.

Business owners or decision makers at Native American small businesses in operation for three years or more, with more than one employee and annual revenue of \$300,000 or

more, are eligible to apply.

The 13-session e200 program will include more than 60 hours classroom trainings on financial analysis, sales strategies, human resources, market development and more.

Classes will be conducted at the Northeastern State University campus site in Broken Arrow, Okla., April - November 2011. Space is limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Fred Munden at 405-609-8017.

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Seniors celebrate Valentine's Day



Marcy Gray

Chickasaw Nation seniors celebrated Valentine's Day last month with a banquet, dance and the crowning of the 2011 Kings, Queens and Sweethearts. This year's royalty included L to R: (seated) Neva Hodge, Achilles; Darlene Klepper, Purcell; Ruby Atkins, Purcell; Floyd Shipman, Sulphur; Carol Garrison, Sulphur; Sharon Zack, Ada; Jim Perry, Ada and Jerri Payne, Duncan. 2nd row: Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Alice Lampkin, Ardmore; Hubert Lampkin, Ardmore; Glenn Nell Hester, Oklahoma City; Billy Hester, Oklahoma City; Sandra Brown, Kullihoma; Leon Brown, Kullihoma; Steve Gambel, Madill; Fran Gambel, Madill; Lonnie Shelley, Tishomingo; Ruth Shelley, Tishomingo; Lillie Wisdom, Connerville; Jimmy Reed, Connerville; Barbara Johnson, Pauls Valley; David Johnson, Pauls Valley; Richard Payne, Duncan and Karen Cook, Administrator, Division on Aging.

Chickasaw Nation hosting at Riverwind

Forest Service-tribes cultural, resource management seminar in April



From left, Native American comedian and actor Charlie Hill (Oneida-Mohawk-Cree), late David Fant as Smokey Bear and Alfred Berryhill, second Chief of the Muscogee Nation, at the 2006 "To Bridge a Gap Conference" at Okmulgee hosted by the Muscogee Nation. Photo provided.

What began as a local meeting in 2001 with Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests (Arkansas and Oklahoma) and Native American tribes in Oklahoma has grown to a national platform and model for land and resource management and preservation discussion.

To Bridge A Gap (TBAG) is a joint partnership between the National Forest Service and federally recognized tribal governments, with an aim to protect and manage important

cultural and natural resources.

Each year, federal, state and tribal officials get together to learn, share and discuss tribal relations, preservation issues, managing archaeological, natural or cultural resources, use of forest products, restoration of ecosystems, fire management, sacred sites, and many more.

This year's conference is being co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and National Forest Service Ozark-St. Francis and Ouachita National Forests

April 4 - 7, 2011, at the Riverwind Hotel in Norman, Okla.

Originally set for the Arkansas and Oklahoma area, the annual conference now welcomes participants from all over the nation.

Last year's conference in Tulsa welcomed more than 300 participants from tribes in Oklahoma, California, South Dakota, Arizona, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico and Texas, as well as several National Forests in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

In addition, many federal, state, and local agencies as well as academic institutions and private firms participated in the conference, including the U.S. Department of Interior, Department of Defense, Federal Communications Commission, Smithsonian Institution-Museum of Natural History, Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Oklahoma Historical Preservation Office, universities in Arkansas, Oklahoma, North Carolina and South Florida.

The conference is a forum for the tribes to meet directly with policy planners and project managers as well as collect the latest information about land and resource management practices.

Information gathered during the conferences have enabled the tribes to better understand the preservation process and develop historic preservation offices, an integral step in identifying and protecting places important to the tribal values.

Dialogues in the previous conferences have also resulted in the granting of special use permits for collection of forest resources for ceremonial purposes by the tribes in 2005.

The successful TBAG model has also been adopted by many agencies, including the Office of Tribal Relations of

the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service to exchange information on current and new legislations that requires government-to-government consultation at the national level.

In 2006, the Ouachita and Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, along with participating tribes were honored with the USDA-Southern Region Regional Forester's "Gridlock Breaking Award" for building bonds of trust between the tribes and the agency.

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About the Tenth Annual "To Bridge a Gap" Conference

The tenth annual "To Bridge a Gap" conference will be conducted April 4 - 7, 2011, at the Riverwind Hotel in Norman, Okla.

The conference will include presentations and question-and-answer sessions including "Building a Cooperative Bridge," "We are Distinctly Unique People and Culture," "Building Awareness through Education" and many more. The 2011 conference is also adding the participation of several state historic preserva-

tion officers, who play an important role in the preservation process.

The event will also include a banquet with keynote speaker Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor for Tribal Affairs to the Secretary of Agriculture Director Office of Tribal Relations, USDA.

This year's conference is also supported by the Georgia Department of Transportation.

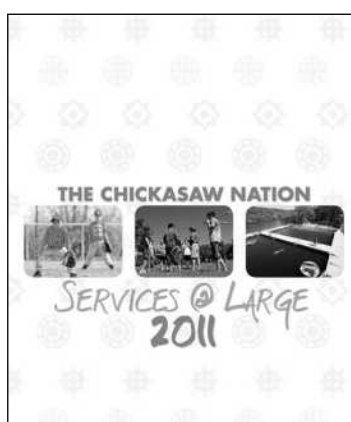
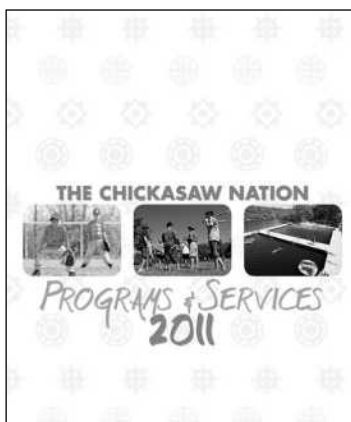
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Connections on KCNP Wednesdays

Plenty of tribal shows now on Chickasaw.tv

Connections is a weekly radio program on KCNP that covers a variety of topics and issues. Each week, special guests are invited to discuss their areas of experience and expertise with host Brian Brashier.



Connections airs live on KCNP at 11 a.m. CST each Wednesday on 89.5 FM or streaming online at www.kcnpradio.org.

This month on Connections:
March 2 – “Keeping Fit”
Need to burn off some extra pounds from the holidays? Find out about some healthy habits you can learn to keep fit.

March 9 – “Diabetes Prevention and Treatment”
It is possible to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes with healthy lifestyle choices. Learn the basics of diabetes prevention and treatment.

March 16 – “Chickasaw History”
An expert on Chickasaw culture will be in the studio to dis-

cuss the rich history of the “Unconquered and Unconquerable” Chickasaw Nation.

March 23 – “Storytelling”
Join us as we listen to a selection of traditional Chickasaw tales.

March 30 – “Pediatric Development”
A medical expert from the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center will be our guest this week and will talk about children’s health and developmental stages.

Listeners are invited to call the show’s toll-free line at 1-TLK-895-KCNP (1-855-895-5267) to talk to each week’s guest.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

Chickasaw.tv, a high-definition online video network focusing on Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, cultural and services provides an outlet for sharing our story with the world.

The website is a place to view all aspects of Chickasaw life and learn more about the Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

“Given its global reach, this network is designed for all Chickasaws, here and around the world,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “As the network of channels grows, we believe it will propel us forward as leaders and a united tribal nation.”

The website consists of nine channels: government, commerce, news, history and culture, arts and humanities, water, destinations, people and Chickasaw online.

The video network offers fascinating stories, timely news, and useful information on a wide variety of topics, including; stories about determined Chickasaw people, Chickasaw Nation destinations around the

country, tribal businesses and

“Given its global reach, this network is designed for all Chickasaws, here and around the world.”

- Gov. Bill Anoatubby

important issues.

The website currently contains hundreds of short videos also covering Chickasaw government, programs and services, History and Culture, Arts and Humanities and events and issues.

CNTV

Chickasaw.tv is also home to Chickasaw Nation Television

(CNTV), a monthly production highlighting events, people and activities in the Chickasaw Nation. Viewers will now be able to watch two CNTV shows each month at Chickasaw.tv. A new show airs the 1st and 15th of every month. Archives of the program are also available on the site.

In addition, Chickasaw.tv also has links to other Chickasaw websites, including Chickasaw.net, Chickasaw Times, Bedre Chocolates, Chickasaw Cultural Center and many more. For more information and to view this site, please visit www.chickasaw.tv.

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This month on CNTV

- **The Chickasaw Nation breaks ground on the new Ardmore Health Clinic.**
 - An exclusive preview of KCNP’s new call-in talk show, Connections.
 - A special feature on the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program.
 - Artist profiles of fashion designer Maya Stewart and graphic artist Dustin Mater.and much more! New episodes are available on the 1st and 15th of each month.
- Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Net assets climb; program and service investment strong

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe’s Division of Education. Health

expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2011

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$9.5 million for the month and \$50.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.2 million for the month and \$33.8 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for January totaled \$79.2 million and \$313.5 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$76.5 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$27.5 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2011, the tribal government funds had \$125.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$18.0 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$181.5 million in cash and investments which is re-

served for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2011, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1,145 billion compared to \$1,125 billion at November 30, 2010 or an increase of \$20 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	\$ 1,352,806	313,555,917	314,908,723
Total funds available	48,926,809	(48,926,809)	-
	50,279,615	264,629,108	314,908,723
Expenditures			
General government	4,057,692		4,057,692
Legislature	607,627		607,627
Judiciary	354,088		354,088
Education	6,368,360		6,368,360
Heritage Preservation	4,531,084		4,531,084
Health	6,035,897		6,035,897
Youth and Family Services	3,519,041		3,519,041
Nutrition Programs	1,737,060		1,737,060
Regulatory	2,944,135		2,944,135
Assistance Programs	3,662,865		3,662,864
Gaming expense		171,144,047	171,144,047
Other businesses' expense		65,888,130	65,888,130
Total expenditures	33,817,849	237,032,177	270,850,025
Increase in net assets	16,461,767	27,596,931	44,058,698
Beginning net assets	520,198,225	580,945,883	1,101,144,108
Ending net assets	\$ 536,659,992	608,542,813	1,145,202,805

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets January 31, 2011

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 125,100,313	181,586,907	306,687,220
Receivables	41,458,260	53,642,142	95,100,402
Inventory		5,207,818	5,207,818
Prepaid expenses		17,204,061	17,204,061
Other Assets		20,362,451	20,362,451
Fixed assets	371,672,528	498,778,360	870,450,888
Less payables	(1,571,110)	(168,238,925)	(169,810,035)
Net Assets	\$ 536,659,992	608,542,813	1,145,202,805

BIRTHS



Adri Gray Standridge

Adri Gray Standridge was born Oct. 14, 2010 at the Medical Center of Southeast Oklahoma, Durant. She weighed 7 lbs., 5.4 oz., and measured 19.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Jeramey and NiCole (Coleman) Standridge, of Durant. She has a proud brother, Cord, 3.

Proud grandparents are Jerry Don and Rhonda Coleman, of Tishomingo, Okla., Dorothy Standridge, of Antlers, Okla., and Miles Scherer, of Jamestown, of N.D.

Great-grandparents are Kenneth and Elsie Cole, of Connerville, Okla., Jerry and Lucille (Ayres) Coleman, of Madill, Okla., Audrey Schereer, of Sulphur, Okla., and the late Margaret Standridge. She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee, Nellis Marie Bynum.



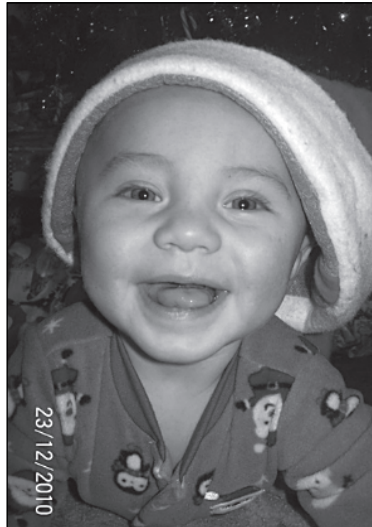
Luke Aero Nance

Bernard and Ramona Nance, of Shay, Okla., announce the birth of their grandson, Luke Aero Nance.

Luke was born Nov. 2, 2010 at Ada, Okla.

He is the son of Erik and Shayla Nance and has an older brother, Kale Atom, 2, of Shay.

Paternal grandparents are Pam Hefner, of Kingston, Okla., and Andrew Whitney, of Arizona.



M. Alvin B. John

M. Alvin B. John (Okchamali) was born June 7, 2011 at Ardmore, Okla.

He is the son of Erik and Laura John.

He is the grandson of Charles and Carla John. The great-grandson of Alvin John a full-blood Chickasaw.

His family, especially his uncles, Aaron, Alvin, Johnboy and cousins Dez and Drakus all want to send love to this precious new member of the family.

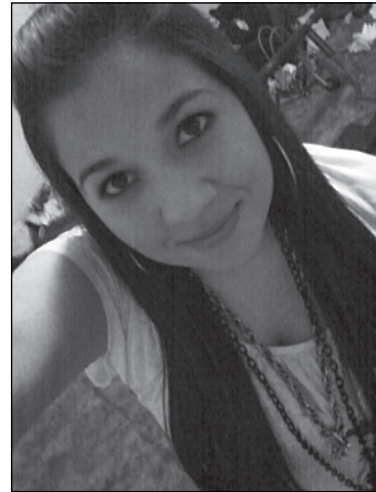
Five generations of Chickasaws



From left, great-great-grandma Mary Goer Clifford; great-grandma, Helen Clifford Leader; grandma Diana Leader Banker; father, Jamie Tapp holding Kamdyn Ann Tapp.

Helen Leader, of Bowlegs, Okla., announces the birth of her latest great-granddaughter. Kamdyn Ann Tapp is the first born to Jamie and Heather Tapp, of Wagoner. Kamdyn was born June 2, 2010 at Tulsa.

The family gathered October



Leila Taylor

Leila Taylor turned 16 February 27, 2011. She is a sophomore at Lone Grove High School, Love Grove, Okla., and the eldest child of Adrienne Taylor. She has two brothers, Silas and Dominic.

Wishing you the best on your sweet 16!

Love you family.

BIRTHDAYS



Charlie Brown

Charles P.R. Brown will turn 78 March 24, 2011.

He loves the outdoor life and would still drive a tractor and grows his own garden if he could.

He doesn't meet a stranger. He has a special love for his grandkids, and has the best wife, Lizzie.

Proud children are, Barbara Taylor, Delita Booker, Shirley Brown, Barbara Redwine, Edward Brown and James Brown.

Happy birthday Dad.

We love you!



Aaron John

Aaron John's mother, Carla John and his brothers, Erik, 24, Alvin, 11, and John, 8 surprised him with a visit on Feb. 24, 2011 for his 19th birthday. The family visited Aaron at the University of Oklahoma where he is a freshman majoring in Native American studies. He would also like to work in the ministry field.

He and his brothers are young Christians and love the Lord.

Aaron is the son of Carla John and Charles. He is the grandson of Alvin John, of Fillmore, Okla.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Hailey Wilson chosen for state honor choir



Hailey Wilson

Chickasaw student Hailey Wilson was recently chosen to participate in the Oklahoma Musical Educators Association All-State Honor Choir. The choir is composed of fourth through eighth grade Oklahoma students selected from an audition process.

Hailey is a fifth grader from Lone Grove Intermediate Elementary. She was required to learn eight songs, several in foreign languages, before attending a two-day rehearsal in Tulsa. Following the rehearsal, a concert was staged during the Oklahoma Music Educators Association convention.

Hailey is the daughter of Johnny and Leanne Wilson. Her grandparents are Barbara Wilson, of Ada, Paul and the late Mary Johnson, of Ardmore, Okla., and Vern and Connie Wilson, of Bristow, Okla. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Bertha Allen.

Hailey has also been selected as January Musician of the Month and February Student of the Month for Lone Grove Intermediate School.

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens

regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.

CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Girls first in team speech

Bailee McCurdy, left, and Blakelee Hayes.

Bailee McCurdy and Blakelee Hayes won first place in the team speech competition at the Pontotoc County 4-H Roundup Jan. 31 in Ada, Okla.

The girls presented a team speech on peanuts that incorporated a food preparation demonstration for a Healthy Peanut Snack Mix. Previously, they had competed at the Pontotoc County 4-H Fall Public Speaking event in October

where they placed third with the same speech.

Bailee is the daughter of Billy and Carol McCurdy, of Ada. Blakelee is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Hayes, of Ada.

Both girls attend Latta Elementary School and are active members of the Latta 4-H Club. Bailee is in the sixth grade, Blakelee is in the fifth grade and both are proud members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw rider takes equestrian honor

Matt Cyphert, president of the Texas Hunter Jumper Association presents an award to Jaynee Bell.

A Chickasaw junior high student has recently been recognized for her equestrian accomplishments.

Jayne Bell, a seventh-grade student at Hill Country (TX) Middle School, placed fourth in the state in the Texas Hunter Jumper Association's Children's Hunter Pony Division. Jaynee and her Welsh pony,

Petey Cruiser, competed in show in Glen Rose, Houston and Waco, Texas.

Jayne rides at Lone Star Stables in Westlake, Texas under the direction of trainer Kalli Smith.

Jayne is the daughter of Brett and Denise Bell, of Austin, Texas.



Darcy Odom

Darcy Odom named to All-West Scholar team

A Chickasaw high school soccer player has recently completed her high school career with both athletic and academic recognition.

Darcy Odom is a senior at Albuquerque Academy where she was an all-star midfielder. During her career, her team won three consecutive state championships.

Darcy also maintained a 3.95 grade point average in school.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America named Darcy to the 2010 NSCAA/Adidas Girls High School Scholar All-West Region team.



Nyla Shawnice Hatton

Chickasaw girl does well in pageant

Chickasaw student, Nyla Shawnice Hatton recently competed in the America's Cover

Miss Pageant hosted in Ada, Okla. Nyla was selected "Best Eyes", "Best Smile," "Most Photogenic" and was presented a sash and a crown. She will go on to compete in the state finals.

Nyla will turn seven in June and she likes playing with her pets, riding her bike and skating.

She is the daughter of Eren Hatton and Shawn Wills, both of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Bobby and Tanis Hatton, and Ruby Ransom, all of Ada.

Her family wishes her luck at the state finals.



Ashton Glover

Ashton Glover named NAIA Scholar-Athlete

A Chickasaw college athlete has recently been recognized for both her sports and academic achievements.

Ashton Glover is a senior at Oklahoma City University and a midfielder on the OCU women's soccer team. Miss Glover has maintained a 3.8 grade point average while pursuing degrees in biochemistry and Spanish.

For her work in the classroom and on the field, Miss Glover has been named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete.

Additionally, Miss Glover serves as Miss Indian OCU.

She is a 2007 graduate of Mustang (OK) High School and is the daughter of Brian and Sonya Glover. Her grandfather was the late Hubert Gibson, and her great-grandfather was the late Mitchell Gibson.



Jennifer Kellner

Chickasaw college junior studying in Australia

Chickasaw student Jennifer Kellner, a junior at the University of New England, was recently accepted into the Australearn Study Abroad Program.

Australearn provides college students with study abroad opportunities in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Miss Kellner is currently spending 12 months in Australia at James Cook University. JCU's main campus is located in the northern Queensland city of Townsville.

Just off the Queensland Coast is the largest coral reef system on Earth, the Great Bar-

rier Reef. Miss Kellner will be one of many students conducting research at the Reef. She will be snorkeling and scuba diving and taking underwater photos of the Reef.

The Great Barrier Reef has over 900 islands stretching for over 2,600 kilometers. Miss Kellner is majoring in Marine Biology and Psychobiology.

The University is world renowned for its research in a number of areas relating to its tropical location including marine biology, environmental studies.

Powells celebrate 66th wedding anniversary in California



Ed and Violet Powell in recent photo, and the couple's wedding photo from 1945.

Ed and Violet Fern (Rader) Powell celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary at a family dinner hosted by their youngest daughter.

Mr. Powell is the fourth of nine children born to original enrollee Samuel Powell and Alice (Haws) Powell. He was born at McAlester Oklahoma in 1917

and lived in various locations throughout Oklahoma and the western states until he was about 15 when the family relocated to the Sacramento region

of California.

Mrs. Powell, the eldest child of Everett and Augusta (Clark) Rader, was born in 1926 in Derry, New Mexico and grew up in Elk Grove, California with her two brothers and two older half-sisters.

In October 1944 Violet, a senior at the old Elk Grove High School, met Ed at a roller skating rink in north Sacramento. He was then serving in the U.S. Army. Ed and Violet went on their first date on New Year's Eve 1944. After that it was a whirlwind courtship with Ed proposing on the last Saturday of January 1945. Violet said yes, and the couple was married February 18, 1945 in Sacramento.

Their first year together the couple lived in Wilton where their first child, a son, was born in December 1945. The young couple then purchased a dairy in Wilton and operated it for the next four years during which time two daughters were born. In 1950 they moved to south Sacramento where their fourth child, a girl, was born, and Mr. Powell went to work

at McClellan Air Force Base as a civilian employee, first as a security guard and then as an aircraft mechanic, retiring from the base in 1971.

The couple has spent their "retirement years" traveling, visiting friends and family throughout California and the U.S., and receiving visits from their children and families. Mr. and Mrs. Powell have been active and faithful lifelong members of the Church of Christ, attending worship services regularly in south Sacramento, Lodi, and north Sacramento. For their 50th Anniversary, the Powell's were honored on their anniversary with a private renewal of vows followed by dinner hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Powell's children are George (Carol) Powell, of Seabeck, Wash.; Edith (Don) Waklee, of Reno, Nevada; Charelene (Pat) Patrick, of LaPine, Oregon; and Alice (Leon) Wright of Sacramento. The Powells have six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Sumpler, Flores exchange vows



Mr. and Mrs. Martin Flores

Martin Flores, of Apache, Okla., and Kelly Sumpler, of Lawton, Okla., exchanged wedding vows Feb. 19, at the United Methodist Church in Apache, Okla., with uncle of the bride, Gene Willimas, of Allen, Okla., officiating.

The bride, a Chickasaw citizen, is employed at the Lawton

Indian Hospital.

The groom, a Comanche tribal member, is employed with the Comanche Nation.

The couple has five daughters in their joined marriage: Adelya, Victoria, Jordan, Olivya and Abby.

The couple will make their home in Lawton, Okla.

Chickasaw West Gathering set for June 4 in California

SANTEE LAKES, Calif. - The Annual Chickasaw Gathering sponsored by Chickasaw West is set for Saturday, June 4 at Santee Lakes.

The gathering will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Picnic Area D.

Everyone is welcome and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided and served at noon.

A covered area is available in the event of rain. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Fishing, paddleboat and canoe rentals are available.

Several members of the Chickasaw legislature normally attend this event.

Santee Lakes is in the San Diego area and is within one hour of a number of area attractions. If you wish to call ahead for fishing, camping and RV information, the Santee Lakes number is (619) 596-3141.

For directions, you may call Santee Lakes or Sharon Tandy at (818) 985-8392.

Home on leave from U.S. Navy



Dez John, left, and Aaron John.



Dez John, Al and John John.

Chickasaw citizen, Dez John, of the U.S. Navy and stationed in San Diego, recently visited her cousins, Aaron John (top photo) and Al and John John, of Sulphur, Okla. (bottom photo).

They are all the grandchil-

dren of full-blood Chickasaw Alvin John.

The family is proud of Miss John and they are all proud to be Chickasaw.

The John boys are the sons of Charles and Carla John.



The 2011 Chickasaw Nation Camps Guide



April, May Application Deadlines**Mark Your Calendars for 2011 Camps and Academies**

The Chickasaw Nation is gearing up for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. The divisions of youth and family, culture, education, health and others focus on providing educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills. Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon.

Planned Chickasaw Nation summer 2011 youth camps and clinics and deadlines include:

Environmental Camp**Ada, Okla.****May 24-27****Application deadline April 12****Open to Chickasaw students ages 8-12.**

Be enlightened about the world during Environmental Camp, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development.

Students, ages 8 to 12, get a behind-the-scenes look at many facilities that go unseen by the typical citizen, and learn on-going conservation efforts. A trip to the Oklahoma Science Museum and the National Weather Center at the University of Oklahoma is planned. This is a day camp. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the division of housing and tribal development at (580) 272-5456.

Camp Survivor**YMCA Camp Classen, near Davis, Okla.****May 31-June 3****Application deadline April 12****Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-13**

Camp Survivor is designed to promote a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition and exercise in a fun and positive camp atmosphere. Campers can expect to experience a variety of activities such as swimming, horseback riding, climbing wall, canoeing, fishing, hiking and stickball. There will be tribal councils, team building activities and competitions. This is an overnight camp. For more information, contact Allen Elliott at (580) 310-7981, ext. 83261 or email allen.elliott@chickasaw.net or log on to www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Golf Camp**WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.****Beginner and Intermediate Camp- June 6-7****Advanced June 8-9****Application deadline May 13**

Each camp is open to Chickasaw students ages 8-18

Along with an introduction to the game of golf, Chickasaw youth will learn lessons in honor, integrity and sportsmanship. Instruction for all skill levels is provided with a highly knowledgeable and motivated staff. Golf Camp is an overnight camp. Students should apply for the camp which represents their level of play. Golf Camp is supported by the United States Golf Association, the Professional Golfers Association of Central Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation and Chickasaw Foundation. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Native American Junior Open**WinStar Golf Course, Thackerville, Okla.****June 10****Registration and tee times to be determined****\$20 registration fee required****Open to Native American youth ages 8-18**

The Native American Junior Open also is a qualifying tournament which allows youth to experience a tournament atmosphere without the pressures of a school or association tournament. It also is a qualifying tournament for Chickasaw youth ages 12-18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year. The \$20 registration fee covers the cost of green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA)**Ada, Okla.****June 12-17****Application deadline April 15**

Open to Chickasaw students from fifth grade to high school seniors

Chickasaw Nation Space and Aviation Camp (CNASA) is a learning program designed to encourage Chickasaw students interested in aviation, space, science or math to pursue careers and opportunities in their fields. Students spend the week flying in simulators, learning through hands-on demonstrations, and have a chance to fly in a real plane. CNASA is day camp, and a limited number of scholarships are available. If applying for a scholarship, complete a CNASA application postmarked by the deadline date. A copy of the participant's Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate is required; a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) will not be accepted. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 272-5579 or at sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

Tennis Clinic**Ada Tennis Center, Ada, Okla.****Session I - June 13-16, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 8-11****Sessions II - June 27-30, 8 a.m. to noon, ages 12-18****Application deadline May 13**

The goal of these clinics is to provide Chickasaw youth the opportunity to learn the sport of tennis, which can be played for a lifetime. Two tennis clinics are offered, a beginner, and an intermediate.

Both sessions are open to Chickasaw youth ages 8-18. In either clinic, the participants will learn honor, integrity, sportsmanship and teamwork. Campers may only apply for one session.

For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Entrepreneurship Academy**Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, Okla.****June 19-24****Application deadline May 20****Open to Chickasaw students grades 10-12**

For Chickasaw students who have an interest in business; the academy is a partnership between Southeastern Oklahoma State University's John Massey School of Business and the Chickasaw Nation. Students will work in teams to plan, promote and produce a table-top business as well as simulate



2011 Camps and Academies

a virtual business. Upon completion of the academy, students graduate with a completed business plan and the tools and knowledge to write future business plans. The weeklong academy is conducted on the campus of SOSU in Durant, Okla. with the students staying at the Chickasaw Nation Children's Village in Kingston, Okla. Preference is given to senior graduates. For more information, contact Callie Roebuck at the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club office at (580) 421-7711 or at callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes XTreme Camp Cross Point Camp, Kingston, Okla.

June 19-23

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 15-18

This overnight camp is for young men and women who want to enjoy a week full of challenging activities, great fellowship and awesome assemblies. Campers will have the opportunity to water ski, water tube, skeet shoot, rappel, ride horses, compete in a variety of huddle competitions, scale the 65-foot climbing tower and experience the high ropes challenge course. Campers will also enjoy outstanding speakers, great music, and challenging competitions. This camp emphasizes leadership, fun, personal growth and building great friendships. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa (Marksmanship Camp)

Two separate one-day clinics

June 23-24

Application deadline May 13

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-18.

Tanumpo Hosa Apisa "gun shoot straight" is designed to encourage participation in a long-term training program for young Chickasaw students wishing to excel in Olympic style rifle and pistol shooting or competitive archery using a compound bow. These clinics feature instruction on gun safety, marksmanship techniques and archery for a maximum of 50 students. These clinics will focus on the disciplines required for competition-style target shooting and consist of both classroom instruction and firing practice. The pistols and rifles used for these clinics are Olympic-style air guns. Instruction will be provided by certified instructors, Lighthouse officers, and local, nationally-trained coaches. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

NASA Space Camp

Huntsville, Ala.

June 26-July 2

Application Deadline April 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 9-18

This challenging week-long school is conducted at Huntsville, Ala., and designed for students to discover their engineering talent. Participants get hands-on training, as well as learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts must face. Fields of study include engineering, space technology and aerospace science. It is conducted at NASA Space Center in Huntsville, Ala. For more information, contact Sara Willie at (580) 272-5579 or at sara.willie@chickasaw.net.

www.chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Language Immersion Family Camp Tatanka Ranch, Stroud, Okla.

June 19-24

Application deadline May 19

Open to Chickasaw families

This overnight camp is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language within Chickasaw families. Camp activities include kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing, gardening and other activities with primary instruction being through Chickasaw language. This is an overnight camp and participants must have transportation to and from camp. For more information or an application, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Yakni Moma Alphisa "Justice for a Nation" Court Camp

July 5-7, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 27

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthouse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial. For more information, contact Connie Tillery at (580) 235-0281 or email Connie.Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Football Clinic

Ada High Football Complex, Ada, Okla.

July 7-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to male Chickasaw students ages 8-18.

Led by veteran coach Ken Heupel, this clinic teaches the fundamentals of football, teamwork and leadership and features former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel and other special guests. Highlights of the clinic include an 8-to-1 student to instructor ratio, offensive and defensive drills, flag football, and a competition where each student may select one guest to join them in the game. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Champions Cheerleading Clinic

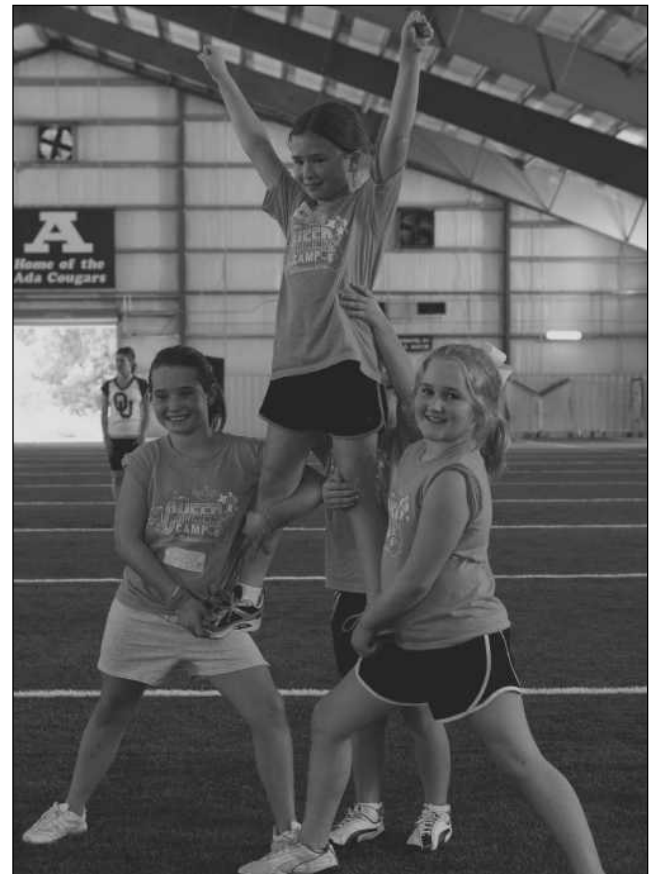
Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center, Ada, Okla.

July 8-9, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Application deadline May 13

Open to female Chickasaw students ages 8-14.

At this clinic, a team of Day of Champions cheerleading coaches will instruct female students on motion, jumps, spirit, rhythm, health and fitness. The experience will include mentoring in the areas of character, responsibility, goal setting, dedication, hard work and integrity. Cheerleaders will be able to enhance their abilities and learn basic cheerleading fundamental geared to their skill level. There will be



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a Saturday performance and each student may select one guest to join them for the performance. This is a day clinic. Participants must have transportation to and from the clinic. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Competitors Camp

Camp Walk On Water, Stuart, Okla.

July 13-17

Application deadline is May 13

Sponsorship for Chickasaw students ages 11-14

This overnight camp combines the great facilities and activities of Camp WOW with the athleticism and competition that has defined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ministry for more than 50 years. Campers will be assigned to a huddle led by a college athlete. Huddles will meet together to pray and play. Each day will feature athletic competitions in the water and on land along with teambuilding exercises. Activities will include the climbing wall, zip line (over land and water), the Blob, water slide, ropes course, obstacle course and much more. Bible devotions, upbeat music and topical discussions will also be a part of the day's activities. This camp focuses on fun, competition and personal growth. The Chickasaw Nation will sponsor the attendance of selected Chickasaw youth to participate in this camp. For more information, contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA)

July 18-30

East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Auditions: Saturday, April 9

**University of Central Oklahoma, School of Music
100 N. University Drive, Edmond, Okla.**

Or Saturday, April 30

East Central University, Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center

1100 E. 14th St., Ada, Okla.

Application deadline April 4

CSAA is a two-week academy that provides youth opportunities to gain experience in visual and vocal arts. Students ages 8 to 19 are eligible to audition for the academy.

Students ages 13 - 19 must schedule an audition time in order to be eligible for acceptance into CSAA.

All students ages 8 - 19 are invited to audition.

The following disciplines will be offered for older student: Composition, Dance, Vocal Music, Theatre Performance, Theatre Tech, Photography, Visual Arts 2-D and 3-D, Video Production, Textile Design and Creative Writing disciplines are offered for older students. Younger students rotate through Visual Arts / 2-D and 3-D, Theatre, Dance, Creative Writing and Vocal Music classes. Chickasaw and other American Indian students receive scholarships to attend. Chickasaw preference is utilized. Non-Natives will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at a nominal fee dependant on residential or non-residential status. These residential opportunities are for qualifying students who live outside the Ada area, ages 13 -19.

For more information, and to receive an audition packet, contact the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 242-5520 or email csaa@chickasaw.net. Applications can be found at www.chickasaw.net.

chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy

Aug. 1-4

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline July 8

Open to Native American youth ages 13- 17.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact George Jesse, Assistant Chief of Police at (580) 436-1166 or at george.jesse@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Hayaka Unta Camp

Location to be determined

October 14-16

Open to Chickasaw students ages 8 - 14

Application deadline September 16

Overnight Camp

The goal of this camp is to give Chickasaw youth and their parent or guardian an opportunity to share quality time together while enjoying the natural beauty of the outdoors. The camp provides a safe, wholesome and enjoyable experience where relationships between youth and their parent or guardian can be strengthened while away from the everyday distractions of life. Some activities include fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, archery and much more. Camping is primitive style in a provided tent. A total of 20 students will be selected to attend this unique camp. Students may choose either a male or female parent or guardian to accompany them. From those applicants not selected to attend this camp, 20 more campers will be chosen to attend the Hayaka Unta Spring camp at the same location in April 2012. For more information, contact department of youth services at (580) 310-6620.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

Applications are available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps or contact the department of youth services at (580) 310-6620. Return application to Chickasaw Nation Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626.

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Chickasaw citizen Pickett appointed tribal Multimedia Department director



Karissa Pickett

Karissa Pickett has recently been appointed director of the Chickasaw Nation Multimedia

Department. "Ms. Pickett is a highly-qualified individual who will strengthen our ability to inform and educate both Chickasaw citizens and the community," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Ms. Pickett brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and initiative to her new position." Appointed director of the Multimedia Department in the Division of Communications, Media and Community Development, Ms. Pickett, a Chickasaw citizen, will coordinate projects and outreach efforts

designed to support Chickasaw Nation programs, services, businesses and destinations. These projects include documentary, educational and historical videos about the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation Television (CNTV), full-length films and web-based video. "We are blessed to have the opportunity to help tell the story of the Chickasaw people through video production," said Ms. Pickett. "We are looking forward to the many exciting projects we have coming up."

During the past four years, Ms. Pickett has worked in the tribal Division of Communication, Media and Community Development as a communications officer and special assistant. In these positions, Ms. Pickett coordinated all types of communications for tribal programs and services in an effort to keep Chickasaw citizens and the community informed. Many projects focused on tribal health systems programs and services. Ms. Pickett began her career

with the Chickasaw Nation in 2002 as a file clerk in the Division of Health. She earned a bachelor's degree in mass communication from East Central University in 2005. She is a graduate of Booker (Texas) High School. Ms. Pickett lives in the Ada area with her husband, Paul. Her parents are Sonnie and Tammy Pickens, of Booker, Texas.

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Chickasaw citizen Cornelius appointed Housing special projects director

ADA, Okla. - Tim Cornelius has recently been appointed director of special projects for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development. "In his new role, Mr. Cornelius will enhance our ability to deliver vital housing programs and services to both Chickasaw citizens and the community," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Mr. Cornelius brings a wealth of knowledge, enthusiasm and initiative to his new position."



Tim Cornelius

Mr. Cornelius, a Chickasaw citizen, has a wide variety of responsibilities in his new role as special projects director. In his new position, he performs a multitude of tasks required to provide the Chickasaw people exemplary service related to housing needs. In addition to housing programs, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development consists

of several departments including Geospatial Information, Environmental Services, Housing Finance and Counseling Services, Housing Development, Home Improvement Services, Roads and Chickasaw Farms. Mr. Cornelius serves as a resource for other tribal divisions for the Housing Division, and his primary mission is serving Chickasaw citizens. "I try to go above and beyond what is the norm to help the Chickasaw citizens, working beyond just eight to five, and taking care of issues promptly and swiftly," he said. Mr. Cornelius also stays current with federal and state rules and regulations regarding housing programs. He has worked with the Chickasaw Nation, primarily in the Division of Housing and Tribal Development, since he was a student at East Central

University. Mr. Cornelius earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from ECU in 1996. He and his wife, Dionne, who also works for the Chickasaw Nation, live in

Ada. They have three children, Hunter, 8, Hannah, 5, and Rayce, 2. Mr. Cornelius' parents, Mike Cornelius and Donna Gustin, also live in Ada. CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

'School for Tricksters' published

A fictional novel based on experiences at Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania has recently been published by Southern Methodist University Press.

"School for Tricksters" is authored by Chris Gavalier. The book's main characters are two non-Indian students, Ivy and Sylvester. Ivy is a girl seeking to get a free education by passing for Cherokee and Sylvester is a young black man seeking to escape the South of the Jim Crow era.

Carlisle's most famous alumnus is Sac and Fox athlete Jim Thorpe.

You can find the book on www.amazon.com

The author can be contacted at gavalerc@wlu.edu

SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with your special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2011**. Please send to: **The Chickasaw Times, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

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(include sheet of paper, if necessary)

January 2011 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Gerome Cohee

Gerome, son of Demond Gerome Cohee, of Ardmore, Okla., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Gerome Cohee

Gerome is in the fourth grade at Charles Evans Elementary School and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Patti Ladd.

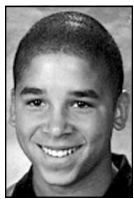
"Gerome is a hardworking student," said Ms. Ladd.

Gerome enjoys playing football, riding his bike and math.

"My futures plans are to be a football player," said Gerome.

Michael McCallister

Michael, son of Michell Thompson and Michael McCallister, of Selah, Wash., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Michael McCallister

Michael is a sophomore at Selah High School and was nominated by high school counselor Erin Wilson.

"Michael is on a college-bound academic track and

participates in numerous extracurricular activities," said Ms. Wilson. "He is loaded with potential and on the road to success."

Michael has a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Michael has played basketball since first grade and he also likes to golf.

Michael enjoys hunting with his grandpa, stepdad and brother.

"My future goals are to attend the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and study engineering," said Michael. "I plan on joining the Navy after the completion of the academy."

Breannen Eason

Breannen, daughter of Ty and Jade Eason, of Tishomingo, Okla., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Breannen Eason

Breannen is in the seventh grade at Tishomingo Middle School and was nominated by seventh grade English teacher Karen Inman.

"Hard work, top academics, athletics and polite consideration of others make Breannen an outstanding student," said

Ms. Inman.

Breannen enjoys reading books, participating in sports and riding four wheelers.

"After graduation I plan on attending the University of Oklahoma and becoming an optometrist," said Breannen. "I want to help people see the world."

James Primm

James, son of Eunice Alexander, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



James Primm

James is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by second grade teacher Jana Young.

"James comes to school every day with a smile on his face," said Ms. Young.

James' goals are to make good grades and attend school every day. He has had perfect attendance for the past two semesters.

James enjoys playing basketball, fishing and jumping on the trampoline.

"My future goal is to be a basketball player," said James.

Faithlyn Seawright

Faithlyn, daughter of Gwen-dolyn Burris and Larry Seaw-

right, of Ada, Okla., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Faithlyn is in the seventh grade at Latta Middle School and was nominated by language arts teacher Roy Deering.

"Faithlyn is an outstanding and hardworking student," said Mr. Deering. "She has an exceptional attitude about school and about life."

Faithlyn plays basketball for Latta's seventh grade team and volunteers with Latta's after school program.

Faithlyn enjoys spending time with family and friends and participating in cultural events.

Faithlyn's hobbies include drawing, shooting arrows with her bow and playing stickball.

"My future plans are to go to college and someday become an artist or an author," said Faithlyn.

Cohen McKinzie

Cohen, son of Kenneth and

Rhonda McKinzie, of Ardmore, Okla., is a January 2011 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Cohen is a senior at Plainview High School and was nominated by head football coach Chris Berus.

"Cohen demonstrates great leadership abilities," said Mr. Berus. "Cohen's integrity set him apart from others."

Cohen is the starting center for his high school football team and he was chosen as All-District 3-A Center.

Cohen is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and he volunteers in the community. He is a mentor for kindergarten students and volunteers at the Ardmore Animal Shelter.

Cohen's hobbies include sports and hunting.

"I plan to attend the University of Oklahoma and major in biology," said Cohen.

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Tribal summer internship application deadline April 1

April 1 is the deadline for Chickasaw students to apply for a tribal summer internship. Internships are available in many different areas of study including business, public relations, science and public administration.

The internship program provides an exclusive educational opportunity to

Chickasaw students pursuing higher education. Interns are provided a six- to eight-week internship opportunity, bi-weekly pay, one round-trip ticket to the internship location and housing accommodations.

To qualify, applicants must be a Chickasaw student between the ages of 18 to 25 and enrolled full-time as a

sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student. For more information and an internship application, contact Chenae Lippard at (580) 421-7711, chenae.lippard@Chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net

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Wordcraft Writers meet June 9-11

The Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers will conduct its annual meeting June 9-11 in Chickasha, Okla.

"Returning the Gift" will be the theme of the meeting, to be conducted at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma

Student Union.

Writers and storytellers are welcome. There will be writer workshops and opportunities to network with other artists.

For more information, view www.wordcraftcircle.org

Additionally, the organization stays current on grant op-

portunities. If you are a writer and are interested in applying for one or more of several grants, the organization will assist you with technical help.

Contact wordcraft.director@gmail.com

September 2010 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Justice Dees

Justice, daughter of Windy and Brandon Dees, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Justice Dees

Justice is in the seventh grade at Latta Jr. High School and was nominated by geography and science teacher Ed Collins.

"Justice has had an outstanding first month of school," said Mr. Collins. "Justice is always prepared for class and is a pleasure to have as a student."

Justice's hobbies include softball, basketball and reading.

Justice loves her family and is very social.

"My future plan is to be a bone doctor," said Justice.

Nicala Price

Nicala, daughter of Bobby and Vicki Price, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2010 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academic Achievement.



Nicala Price

Nicala is a junior at Latta High School and was nominated by language arts teacher Melinda Isaacs.

"Nicala has proven to be an excellent student with a very positive attitude," said Ms. Melinda Isaacs. "I feel that her attitude, effort and academic achievements make her a true leader in the junior class."

Nicala is on the varsity softball team and plays second base.

Nicala has As in all of her classes.

"I want to go to college for physical therapy," said Nicala.

Athlete, artist credits Chickasaw heritage for success

Dalton Keeton has an aptitude to excel in whatever he does.

The 18-year-old Chickasaw, who divides his time among school, athletics and arts, said he just gives his best effort and is thankful for support from his family and friends.

"It sure doesn't come naturally," said the high school senior from Lone Grove, Okla. "I get a lot of help from my family and friends."

Mr. Keeton was recently named Offensive Player of the Year (football) by *The Ardmoreite*, the daily newspaper in Ardmore, Okla. The newspaper described him as a "Longhorn legend" for his outstanding football career as a Lone Grove Longhorn.

"It was a really cool feeling to have and a great honor," Mr. Keeton said of the achievement.

Last season, he was named All-Star running back and All-District running back. He also broke the school record for most career rushing yards.

Mr. Keeton's athletic achievements go beyond football.

He is involved in track and was the district champion in the 300 hurdles last year. He also recently started playing basketball.

His academic achievements include being named the student of the month early last year. English and science are his favorite subjects.

Besides athletics and academics, Mr. Keeton is passionate about arts.

Though he has been drawing since an early age, he recently became involved in ceramics.

Last year, Mr. Keeton participated in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) On-site Art Compe-

tition in Weatherford, for the first time and won the second place.

"It is very relaxing to sit there and think about what you are creating," he said of his involvement in arts. "It is a great way to express yourself."

Mr. Keeton said his drive to do the best was derived from his Chickasaw heritage and ancestry.

"Everything they (Chickasaws) have gone through is an inspiration to me," he said.

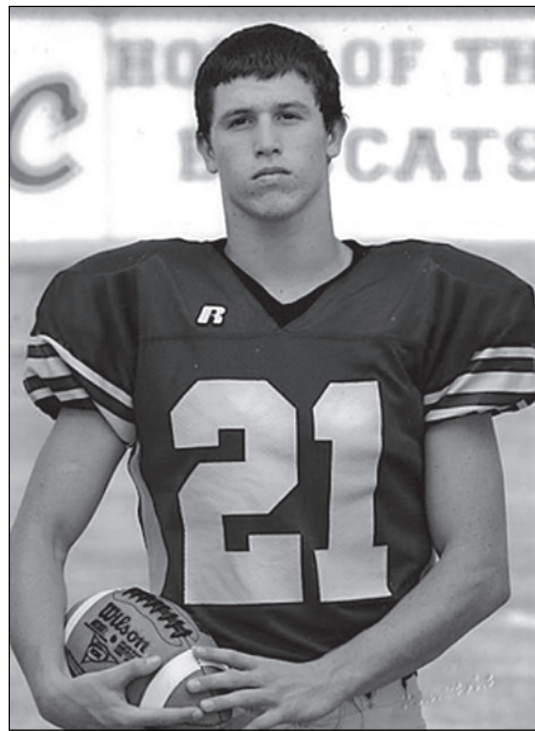
Mr. Keeton is the son of Teresa Lindsey and the late Mitchell Keeton. His maternal grandparents are Joyce Lindsey and the late Tim Lindsey, and his paternal grandparents are the late Winston and Shirley Keeton, all of Ardmore.

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Dalton Keeton

Chickasaw back signs with Haskell



Joshua Pershica

Joshua Michael Pershica has been playing football since he was seven.

"Battles you go through on the (football) field" is what makes the sport so fun, the 18-year-old Chickasaw said.

His love for the sport is evident when he says he wants to study sports management and coaching to become a football coach.

"I think I will be really good at it," the Bridge Creek, Okla.,

resident said.

Mr. Pershica is on his way to achieve his dream with a football scholarship to Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

Mr. Pershica, who visited Haskell in 2010, said he chose the university because of its "unique culture" that will allow him to learn more about his Native American heritage.

Founded in 1884, Haskell offers

baccalaureate programs in elementary teacher education, American Indian studies, business administration and environmental science to American Indian and Alaska Native students.

Mr. Pershica, who also plays basketball and baseball, said he worked equally hard in his studies. He has been named to the Principal's Honor Roll the last two years.

When he is not studying or

playing sports, Mr. Pershica helps coach the area little league teams.

His sports awards include Little All City Honorable Mention in 2010 (football), Defensive Back of the Year in 2010 and Defensive Player of the Year for three years in a row (basketball).

Joshua's mother is Tonya Pershica and his father is Marcus Coughran. His maternal grandfather is Ron Pershica, of Kingston, Okla.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS and EVENTS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA
ADA
Youth Arts Month
March 26 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Laura Stewart (580) 272-5520

Stomp Dance
April 16 at Kullihoma
Leah Mull (580) 332-8685

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Linda O'Hagen, 405-350-3311 or 405-409-3556

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
John Hobbs, 405-922-3926

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council

PACIFIC NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Chokma! Our February 12 gathering was one of mutual sharing and family. Over 20 people attended, including Vickye and Mike Gordon, who were able to make it out of Oklahoma despite back-to-back snowstorms! We also were lucky to have Bill White from Lacey, Wash., with us who played some of his Indian flutes and shared his history. Bill was born in Durant, Oklahoma and his grandfather was an elder in the tribe. Many shared their family heritage which led to stories of inspiration, courage and laughter along with the discovery of additional family connections. Also discussed were future council projects which include starting a council scrapbook and website. Look for further developments and information on these in the future. Lastly, the advisory committee would welcome volunteers and/or feedback for future gatherings. Please contact either Rena: (503) 543-7401 or Kim: (503) 819-3097. We look forward to seeing you in the spring!

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA
Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly, 2nd Saturday
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-393-0696

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Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI
St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND
New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA
Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON
Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, 512-258-7919 or 512-517-4404

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

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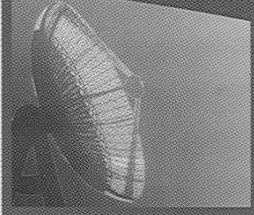
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Chickasaw high school classmates reunite



Pat Bartmess and Arthia Bridges at the Elders Christmas celebration. The ladies were reunited at a Chickasaw Nation council meeting after nearly 50 years.

Almost 50 years had passed since Chickasaw elders Pat Bartmess and Arthia Bridges had cheered together in the Capitol Hill High School Pep Club.

A lot of life was lived, children were born, marriages took place. But as fate would have it, these friends would find each other while becoming more involved with their tribe and fellow Chickasaw elders in the Oklahoma City area.

"I was so surprised," said Mrs. Bridges. "When I went to that council meeting, I had no idea I'd be re-connected with an old friend."

The two were reintroduced at

a Chickasaw Nation Oklahoma City area council meeting in 2008. Many of the participants in the area council helped form the senior group, which meets once a month and participates in events offered by the tribal Division on Aging.

Now, Mrs. Bartmess and Mrs. Bridges can usually be found sitting next to each other during meetings and trips that the Oklahoma City area seniors take.

"She's like a sister to me," Mrs. Bartmess said of Mrs. Bridges. "I'm glad I found her. We have such a good time and laugh a lot!"

A former at-large citizen, Mrs. Bridges was attending the

meeting for the first time.

"We instantly clicked," she said. "I'm so glad I decided to get involved."

Having the opportunity to explore and celebrate their Chickasaw heritage has further strengthened the bond between Mrs. Bartmess and Mrs. Bridges.

"In high school, I didn't even know Pat was also Native American," Mrs. Bridges said. "Going on homeland trips and celebrating being Chickasaw has made us feel even more connected."

Mrs. Bartmess, the chair of the Oklahoma City senior group, encourages tribal elders in the area to join in on the fun.

"I have formed many great friendships," she said. "We are always looking for more Chickasaws to join us."

The Oklahoma City area group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Clarion Convention Center, 737 S. Meridian.

For more information, contact Mrs. Bartmess at granny-gogo6@cox.net or contact the Division on Aging at (580) 436-2603.

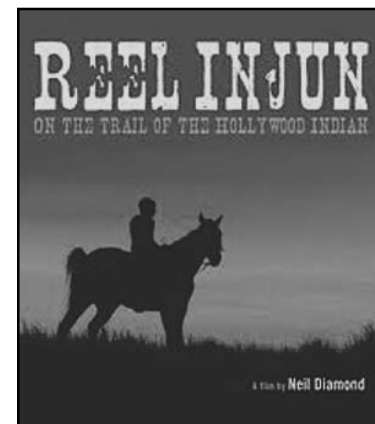
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Holba' Kana'li Film Series examines 'Trail of the Hollywood Indian'

The Holba' Kana'li Film Series will feature "Reel Injun: On the Trail of the Hollywood Indian" 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada.

"Reel Injun" is a documentary that investigates the ways in which Native Americans have been portrayed cinematically and features Clint Eastwood, Adam Beach ("Smoke Signals") and is directed by Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond.

The film traces the evolution of Hollywood's depiction of Native people from the silent film era to today, with clips from hundreds of classic and recent Hollywood movies, and candid interviews with celebrated Native and non-Native film celebrities, activists, film critics, and



historians.

Tickets are \$3 for both show times.

For more information, contact James Wallace at (580) 272-5520.

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Co-Ed benefit softball tourney May 21-22

The Technisand Co-ed Slow-pitch Benefit Softball tournament is May 21 and 22. This year's tournament will be at Mill Creek City Park and, if needed, the Mill Creek High School Field.

This tournament is a benefit for the Pontotoc County American Red Cross Association. All proceeds from entry fees, concession, gate, etc., will go to the local organization. Last year over \$2,500 was raised.

The tournament will be ASA Rules and the entry fee is \$100 per team. Trophies are given to the first, second and third place teams, with the tournament champions also receiving t-shirts.

If your team is interested in playing, please call (580) 456-7791, ext 8712 for Cindy, ext. 8718 for Carolyn or Jennifer and ext. 8723 for Kristi. Deadline to sign up is Monday, May 16.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and

stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, please contact Ms. Joy Barrick at (580) 310-6451 or joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

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Cultural Center tour 'opens the eyes' of students to their Chickasaw heritage



Chickasaw Leadership students tour the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in Sulphur, Okla., during the group's recent session on Feb. 18. Front row, from left; Alicia Cooper, Rani Wilson, Reide Wilson, Savannah Brown, Annie Wall, Kayla Gamble, Morgan Hennigan, and Kailee Chandler. Second row, from left, Amanda Carney Macee Wyatt, Rachel Williams, Ciera Cox, Josh Neesmith, Ryan Rico, and Kira Fowler. Third row, from left, Robert Johnson, Alexis Lewis, Zack Stepps, Morgan Rutledge, Amber Wright, Lori Barrett, Michael Evans and Jared Evans. Fourth row, from left, Devin Muncrief, D'angelo Dunn, Dylan Kramer, Shadow Marris, Sean Samson, Megan Gaines, Kelsey Blevins, Hailey Evans, Kelcee Chandler, Tristan Wood and Michael Alexander.

SULPHUR, Okla. - When Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program member Hailey Evans visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center with others members of the leadership group on Feb. 18, she experienced many facets of her culture for the first time.

"Visiting the cultural center has really opened my eyes about how much there is to learn about our Chickasaw culture, and I have a lot to learn," said the Dickson (Okla.) High School freshman.

Hailey decided to join the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program - which translates to "Creating Chickasaw Leaders"- because of all the opportunities the program provides, including lessons on Chickasaw Heritage and Culture. The experienced gained in this program will also be helpful when applying to colleges and universities, she said.

Hailey was one of 35 Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members who spent a Saturday touring the Chickasaw Cultural Center and broadening their knowledge of tribal heritage and history.

Opened last year, the cultural center campus consists of four buildings designed to immerse visitors in Chickasaw history and culture and capture the

essence of the Chickasaw people. The CAIP group experienced the entire campus during the session.

The day began with a viewing of "Behind the Scenes" in the Anoli Theatre. The film tells the story of the planning, design and building of the cultural center, and is filled with interesting facts about the center.

A lesson in stomp dancing and lunch in the amphitheatre preceded a trip through the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center.

The remainder of the day was spent touring the traditional village, which features a traditional Chickasaw summer house, a winter house, a mountain house and a corn crib, visiting the Honor Garden and visiting with cultural demonstrators.

The trip marks the first official CAIP session conducted at the cultural center, said Josh Bess, youth leadership coordinator.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders), is a program for Chickasaw students ages 14-18.

Beginning in September, the group meets one Saturday a month and covers a wide variety of topics including leadership, small business, writing, ethics and etiquette, among others.

Lunch is provided.

Included on the itinerary are tours of the Oklahoma State Capitol and visits with state officials and trips to other

tribal headquarters.

A final, out-of-state tour is planned for the end of the session.

Students also have a class project which will involve community service and/or a fund raiser.

Applications are accepted year-round.

For more information about the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi program, contact Mr. Josh Bess, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620.



Chickasaw Cultural Center Cultural Instructor Dixie Brewer, left, demonstrates how to make a traditional pinch pot to Leadership student Hailey Evans during the group's session at the Cultural Center last month.

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Cultural program designed for Chickasaw youth kicks off this month in Norman



OU Chickasaw Learning Community (OCLC) student, from left, Joe Thomas, Taylor Marlow, Canaan Johnson, Jennifer McCurtain and Blake Corbin are ready to kick-off the Himitta' Kilimpi', "Strong Youth", a program they group designed for Chickasaw youth. The program's mission is to foster a network of support for Chickasaw youth and to provide the students a rich, deep cultural experience so they will feel more connected with their culture.

NORMAN, Okla. - Chokká Kilimpi', the Chickasaw Family Resource Center, this month is kicking off Himitta' Kilimpi', "Strong Youth," a program created by the Chickasaw Nation and the University of Oklahoma. The program targets Chickasaw youth, ages 12-18, who live outside the boundaries

of the Chickasaw Nation. The program's mission is to teach students about their Chickasaw culture. Himitta' Kilimpi' was created and developed by members of the OU Chickasaw Learning Community (OCLC) students, a group of Chickasaw OU students. "The goal of the eight-week program is to foster a net-

work of support for Chickasaw youth who live outside of tribal boundaries, and to provide the students a rich, deep cultural experience so they will feel more connected with their culture," said Hilary Huling, an OCLC student who helped develop the program.

The importance of strong family bonds will also be stressed during the program.

Led by Chickasaw elders, cultural preservationists and fluent Chickasaw speakers, the youth and OU students will be immersed in Chickasaw culture through many hands-on activities including social dances, songs, beading, basket making and language lessons. The boys can learn how to make drums or gourds, and girls can learn to make traditional shakers or ribbons.

Members of the program will meet every Saturday, from March 26 to May 14 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Chokka' Kilimpi' building, 3200 Marshall Ave, Suite 220 in Norman.

Upon completion of the program, students will perform a social dance and share a traditional meal with their friends and family, promoting a strong sense of Chickasaw identity.

For more information or to enroll in the Himitta' Kilimpi' program, contact Linda Lee at 405.767.8940 or linda.lee@chickasaw.net.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, tribal media relations.

Kullihoma spring turkey hunt applications due March 18

The deadline to apply for permits for the Spring Turkey Hunt and the Special Youth Hunt at Kullihoma is fast approaching.

Permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada. All permit requests must be completed and returned to the department no later than 5 p.m. on March 18.

Dates for the Spring Turkey Hunt are April 6 through May 6. Legal means of taking: shotgun, conventional or muzzle-loading. Shot no larger than BB. Archery equipment described as legal for deer archery season.

Rifles and handguns may not be used during the spring

season. There is a 1-tom limit at Kullihoma, and only one tom may be taken.

Dates for the Special Youth Hunt are April 2 and 3. All youth hunters must have completed the Oklahoma Hunter Education Class and possess the Oklahoma Hunter Education Card. Youth hunters must be accompanied at all times by an adult during the hunt. Youth hunters may take one tom with traditional bow and arrow or shotgun.

All harvested turkeys must be reported to the Ranger Department, (580) 310-6466.

For questions, please call the Ranger Department at (580) 310-6466.



Special Permit Request

Spring Turkey Hunt on Tribal Land --- Kullihoma Reservation

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Himitta' Kilimpi'

What: Himitta' Kilimpi', "Strong Youth" – a program which fosters Chickasaw pride in students, ages 12-18 who live outside tribal boundaries.
When: March 26-May 14
Where: Chokka' Kilimpi' the Chickasaw Nation Family Resource Center, 3200 Marshall Ave. Ste. 220 Norman, OK
Contact: Linda Lee (405) 767-8940

Health At-Large case manager will assist

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on division of health programs and services available to you? If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries? If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Full-time positions open at Chickasaw Nation Division of Health

Due to the expansion at the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health has full-time openings within the tribal boundaries for **Physicians in the following specialties:** · Emergency Department, Ada · CRNA, Ada · Outpatient Internal Medicine, Ada · Pediatrician, Ada · Family Practice, Tishomingo
Other openings include: · Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants in Ada, Durant and Tishomingo
For details on any of the professional positions, please contact:

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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

control over all official acts of the Chickasaw Nation. That included appointing the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. Tribal voting rights were not restored until Congress passed the Principal Chiefs Act in 1970.

"Voting is a way to honor our Chickasaw ancestors, many of whom fought for the right to vote, but never received that right," said Governor Anoatubby. "Today, it is critically important we take an interest in our tribal government and vote in our elections."

From 1906 to 1970, tribal elections were suspended and the federal government appointed the Chickasaw Nation Governor, the only tribal government official during this time. Nevertheless, the Chickasaw people kept the Chickasaw fire burning in families, communities and churches.

A grassroots movement began in the churches to reclaim Chickasaw government and restore the right to vote in tribal

elections. After several years of advocating and lobbying Washington, Public Law 91-495 came to be. Through Public Law 91-495, also known as the Principal Chiefs Act, the Chickasaw

vote in tribal elections.

"We have a privilege, a duty and a responsibility," said Oklahoma State Representative and former Chickasaw Legislator Lisa Billy. "We need to pass

"We have a privilege, a duty and a responsibility."

- Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy

Oklahoma Representative and former Chickasaw Legislator



Lisa Billy
Oklahoma
Representative

people regained the right to elect a governor of their own choosing. In 1971, Chickasaws exercised that right by voting for their Governor for the first time since Oklahoma statehood.

Forty years have passed since Chickasaw people regained the right to elect tribal leadership. For the past 40 years, the Chickasaw people have let their voices be heard and taken pride in exercising the right to

that heritage onto our children. As adults, it's our job to instill, within our children, that sense of pride and accomplishment and a sense of knowing that one vote really does make a difference."

Today, the Chickasaw people retain their voice in tribal leadership through the power of each vote.

"The year 1971 was a great time for Chickasaws," said Chickasaw citizen Pauline

Brown. "The Chickasaw people were given the privilege to vote for the governor of the Chickasaw Nation and I remember going to vote. Many Chickasaws came to vote and wanted to be involved."

Mrs. Brown takes it upon herself to make sure her grandchildren know the importance of being involved in their tribe.

"I always tell my grandchildren they need to stay educated and learn about their tribe – its culture, its language and its government," said Mrs. Brown. "It's important to encourage

self-determination and achieving the right to vote were two of their greatest feats.

It's been 40 years. Have you been heard? Are you fulfilling your privilege? Are you exercising your right to vote?

Honor your ancestors. Make your vote count. Vote in your next tribal election.

For more information on becoming a registered Chickasaw voter, visit www.Chickasaw.net/vote or call (888) 661-0137.

You may also visit the Chickasaw Nation Election Office located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott In-

"It's important to encourage all of our young Chickasaw boys and girls to vote for their leaders."

- Pauline Brown

Chickasaw citizen



Pauline Brown
Chickasaw Citizen

all of our young Chickasaw boys and girls to vote for their leaders. You need to know the leaders and look at their backgrounds and be educated on potential leaders for the future of the tribe."

The Chickasaw people have faced many challenges throughout history. Regaining

dustrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

The deadline to apply for voter registration is the second Monday in July prior to annual tribal elections. Voter registration closes during annual tribal elections, but reopens after elections are completed.

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From Dawes Commission to Self-Determination Act

A brief history of modern tribal self-determination

The path toward tribal self-determination

Beginning with the creation of the Dawes Commission in 1893, Congress passed several Acts regarding the allotment of tribal lands, dissolution of tribal governments and assimilation of Indian people in what would become Oklahoma.

This included the Atoka Agreement, which provided for the distribution of land allotments for the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations, as well as the Curtis Act, which abolished all tribal courts in Indian Territory.

In 1906, Congress enacted the Five Tribes Act. While that legislation was intended to "wrap up" the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes, including the Chickasaw Nation, it was never meant to terminate the Chickasaw Nation.

In fact, Section 28 of the Act spelled out that the tribal governments of the Five Tribes would continue "with full force and effect, for all purposes authorized by law, until otherwise provided by law."

Through Oklahoma statehood, the Dust Bowl, Great De-

pression and World Wars I and II, the Chickasaw people continued as a nation through the direction of federally-appointed leaders.

As tribes continued to push for self-governance and the right to vote for their own tribal leadership, federal Indian policy began to change during the 1960s and 70s. One key turning point was a special message by President Richard Nixon in 1970.

President Richard Nixon's Special Message on Indian Policy – July 1970

President Nixon was an advocate for Native Americans through voice, deeds and actions. On July 8, 1970, a special message to Congress from President Nixon declared new federal Indian policy on tribal self-determination. President Nixon spoke out against the termination of Indian tribes and policies that negatively affected Native Americans. This, in turn, assisted in the creation of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975.

Public Law 91-495 – October 1970

On October 22, 1970, Public Law 91-495 was established. This act authorized each of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma to popularly select their tribal leadership. In July 1971, Overton James was elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation by Chickasaw citizens in the first election since 1906. This year marks the 40th anniversary of regaining that right to vote in tribal elections.

Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975

The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act was established in 1975.

This Act was created to support tribal governments and education for Native Americans. Through the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, tribes regained self-determination and began conducting their own education and social service programs. Congress also began providing access to federal funds in support of these tribal programs.

(Referenced from the Oklahoma Historical Society)

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Cierra Lofton and Chelsea Mapp at the Chickasaw Foundation College and Career Fair 2011.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound hosted its 2nd Annual College & Career Fair on January 29, 2011 with over 140 students from our program and East Central University. This event showcased a number of speakers that provided beneficial information to the students as they begin to pursue higher education.

Ms. Tracie Carter and Mr. Brandon Rolan discussed how to write an essay for scholarships. Ms. Marilyn Schwarz, Murray State College, provided a presentation over financial aid. Ms. Mitzie Miller, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, gave the students an in-depth look at their Laboratory

Technology program. Mr. Darrell Walker provided a workshop on the Oklahoma Career Information System (OKCIS), and Ms. Marilyn Blackmon gave a presentation on Building Self Confidence.

The students also had a chance to meet with numerous college recruiters from East Central University, Murray State College, St. Gregory's, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Seminole State College, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma State Technical University, Air Force Academy, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, and the Pontotoc Technology Center.

Pre-K through 12th grade

Register now for Native American Youth Language Fair

NORMAN, Okla. – Students of Native American languages from preschool to high school age are encouraged to enter the ninth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, April 4 and 5 at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman. Participants in grades pre-K through 12 may demonstrate their language skills as groups or individuals in the spoken language and language in song categories.

Other competition categories include poster art and book categories, open to grades three through 12; language with PowerPoint presentation and film/video categories, both open to sixth-through 12th-graders; a language advocacy essay category open to students in grades nine through 12; and a language masters performance category for ninth-through 12th-graders, designed to showcase the language skills of students who have grown up speaking a Native American language.

The deadline for registration is March 9.

The competition draws more than 600 participants from across Oklahoma and neighboring states who compete in as many as 27 Native American languages. Pre-K through fifth-grade competitions will take place on Monday, April 4; sixth-through 12th-grade competitions on Tuesday, April 5.

The top three award-winners in each age group and category will receive trophies to be displayed at their school or tribal center. Every student who participates will receive a medallion and Language Fair T-shirt.

A panel of elders and teachers from several different tribes will judge the spoken language and language in song competitions. Native artists will judge the posters based on creativity and use of this year's theme, "Elder Voices, Youth Choices." In addition, Native authors will judge the book competition.

Registration forms and additional information are available online at: www.snomnh.ou.edu/languagefair. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 9. PowerPoint presentations, films, books and poster entries also must be received by this date. No late entries will be accepted.

To have forms sent by mail, or for additional information, participants may contact the museum's Native American Languages department at (405) 325-7588 or by e-mail at ONAYLF@sauk.snomnh.ou.edu. The 2011 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is made possible, in part, by the Boeing Company and the Columbus Foundation.

The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History is located on the OU Norman campus at Timberdell Road and Chautauqua Avenue. Additional information about the museum is available by calling (405) 325-4712 or on the Web at www.snomnh.ou.edu.

Legal Notice

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
 - A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
 - Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
 - A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.
- #### How much can I get?
- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
 - Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
 - If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be

offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

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Chickasaw Foundation 4th Annual T-Ball Tournament



The Chickasaw Foundation will host the 4th Annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament at the Kiwanis field in Ada, Okla.

The tournament will be Friday and Saturday, April 29-30. The entry fee is \$75 before April 1 and \$100 afterwards. Awards will be given to the first through third place finishers.

All local teams are invited to participate.

If you are interested in entering your team or becoming a sponsor for the tournament, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation office at (580) 421-9031.

Ryan Coleman named Student of the Month

Ms. Ryan Coleman, a junior at Marietta High School, was selected as the Chickasaw Foundation (CFUB) Student of the Month for January 2011. She has been an active participant in the CFUB program for the last two years. She is also a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and student council, softball, speech and debate. Ryan is active in fundraising and volunteer work. She helps with benefit dinners, visiting nursing homes and participating in the March of Dimes walk.

Ryan is involved in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math/Science program and has enjoyed the experience of the activities provided her considering she would like to be a bio-technician or veterinarian in the future. She plans to attend college upon graduation to help make her career choices a reality.



Ryan Coleman

Chickasaw Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipient

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce Ms. Haley Kuntz is the second semester recipient of the Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship. Ms. Kuntz is a freshman majoring in business/finance at Kansas State University.

Ms. Haley Kuntz, Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipient.



Haley Kuntz

Chickasaw Foundation recognized by state Literacy Coalition

Oklahoma's Adult Education and Literacy Coalition held its first ever joint conference September 30-October 1, 2010 in Norman, Oklahoma. Four agencies including the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma Literacy Coalition, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, and Oklahoma

Adult Basic Education Association combined forces to offer a "first-of-its-kind" adult education and literacy conference.

The conference provided continuing education and networking opportunities to more than 360 attendees, including some 50 adult learners.

The joint effort was a resounding success and Governor Brad Henry recognized the conference by naming September 30, 2010 as Literacy Day in Oklahoma.

During the awards assembly, the Chickasaw Foundation was recognized and received an award for their generous contribution to the coalition.

The Chickasaw Foundation appreciates their generous contributors of the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan who helped make this donation possible.

Two Chickasaw Nation employees serve on the board of directors for the Oklahoma Literacy Coalition. Ms. Pam Walls serves as board member and Ms. Julia Tyler serves as alternate. Both are employed through the Office of Supportive Programs as Adult Learning Teachers.

Diabetes Coalition Benefit Golf Scramble set for April 29

The Second Annual Oklahoma Inter-tribal Diabetes Coalition (OIDC) Benefit Golf Scramble will take place Friday, April 29 at Firelake Golf Course in Shawnee, Okla., with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Entry fees are \$50 per person or \$200 per team and include green fee, golf cart, door prize drawing raffle ticket and awards luncheon.

Deadline to register is April 22. Team sponsorship packages are also available.

The event features several prizes and strives to raise awareness about diabetes in Oklahoma.

To register, please contact Lea Caufield at (580) 421-4532 ext. 82266 or Lea.caufield@chickasaw.net.

For event and team sponsorship questions, please contact Duane Meadows at 918-695-1325 or Duane.meadows@creekhealth.org.

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10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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For more information and to register, please visit:
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It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

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Please send an original photo (not a photo copy). The photo will be returned to the address provided.

Also include a contact **number** in case we have questions.

Information and photo can also be emailed to times.chickasaw@chickasaw.net

Senior Profile Form

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High School _____

Parents/guardians _____

(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

Information about graduate *(include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)*

Please mail your completed form to
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HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

Annie Laura Pahler



Annie Laura Pahler died Sept. 6, 2010. Services were Sept. 11 at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, Oklahoma City. Burial followed at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Pahler was born to Houston O. and Mary Collins Dickinson on an Indian allotment farm south of Chickasha, Okla.

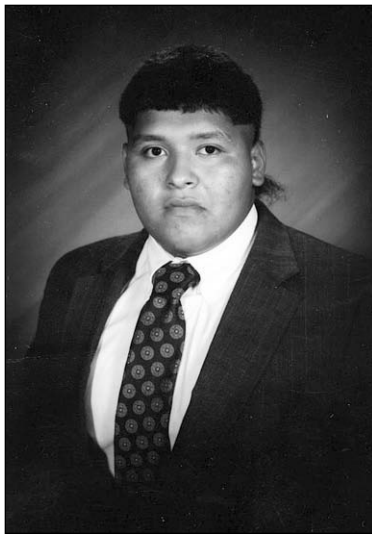
She lived her life with a remarkable abundant attitude and gratefulness to God for all of his many blessings. She enjoyed playing bridge, dancing and traveling. Always on the go, she never complained and always made the best of every situation. She, most of all, was a positive role model for her sons and anyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and three brothers, Houston Collins Dickinson, Stanley Dickinson and Joseph Barry Dickinson.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Pahler; a sister, June Leake, of Sherman, Texas; four sons and three daughter-in-laws, Mike and Diana Hayton, Steve and Theresa Hayton, David Hayton and Mark and Deborah Hayton; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and step-children, Tom and Martha Pahler, of Flagstaff, Ariz., Linda and George Zappas, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Billy and Lawana Pahler, of Newport, Wash.

We are so grateful to her loving caregivers, Jeanie Barber and Lawanna Pahler.

Anthony Eugene Williams



Anthony Eugene Williams died Nov. 30, 2010. Services were Dec. 3, at the Allen (OK) School Auditorium with Rev. Toney Buck officiating. Burial followed at High Hill Cemetery.

He was born June 29, 1974 at Ada, Okla., to Jimmy E. Alexander and LaJuana Williams. He was reared by his grandparents, Gene and Leota Williams.

He lived in the Allen Area all his life and graduated from Allen High School. Mr. Williams was an oilfield worker most of his life and a member of the Chickasaw Nation and was of the Pentecostal faith.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Jimmy E. Alexander.

He is survived by a son, Jacob Williams, Ada, Okla.; a daughter, Trista Williams, Ada; a stepdaughter, Natasha Thyne, Ada; grandson, Braden Thyne, Ada; his mother, LaJuana Ledbetter, Allen; a sister, LaTonia Orphan, Byng, Okla.; two brothers, James Alexander, Oklahoma City, and Matthew Williams, Allen; his grandparents, Gene and Leota Williams, Allen, and Geraldine Alexander, Oklahoma City; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bearers will be his uncles, Timothy Williams, Thomas Williams and Paul Williams; cousins, Jonathan Alexander and Narcisse Alexander; and Lynn May.

Patsy Correa



Patsy Correa died August 14, 2010 at her home with her loving family by her side. Cancer took her at the young age of 65. Services were August 20, 2010 at Gateway Church of Visalia (CA) with graveside following at Visalia District Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 4, 1944 to John and Thelma Landers at Fresno, Calif.,

After high school she received an associate degree from Golden State Business College.

For more than 30 years, she dedicated herself to in-home health care; early-on as a care provider to the ill and elderly, then eventually as a council member and Union Representative to other in-home care providers. She fought for the rights of those providing in-home health care as well as those receiving it.

She married Manuel Norman Correa, Sr., September 5, 1965. Together they raised five biological children and numerous foster children.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Correa, Sr., of Visalia; sons, Manuel N. Correa, Jr. and fiancé, Lina Crawford, Shaun and Jocelyn Correa, and Patrick and Emily Correa, all of Visalia; daughters, Dana and Eric Kyle, of Porterville, Calif., and Rhonda and Nathan Graham, of Grover Beach, Calif.; sisters, Juanita Hansen, of Goshen, Okla., and Leona Shepard, of Sparks, Nev.; 18 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren and 2 Godchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Condolences may be offered at www.millerchapel.com.

Mona Lee Rowe and Wayne Roy Rowe



Mona Lee Rowe died January 6, 2011 just 24 hours before her husband of 68 years, Wayne Rowe, followed her in death on January 7, 2011. Totally bonded in life, the Lord blessed them with that bond in death as well. Neither having to live life without the other. The joint service was Jan. 12, 2011 in Tulsa.

Mona Lee was the seventh child born to Margaret Loretta (Bollinger) Godfrey and Charlie Godfrey in Kiowa, Okla., on May 26, 1924.

She grew up in the Kiowa area. As a junior in high school she met the love of her life, Wayne. They married June 29, 1942, in Ada, Okla.

Mona Lee was a blessing to her husband, three children, five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and everyone who crossed her path. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker, as well as a cherished mother and friend.

She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage and made sure to register her children and grandchildren into the Chickasaw rolls.

She was preceded in death by an infant brother; brothers, Charlie Godfrey, Kenneth Godfrey; and sisters, Cora Mae Howard, Loretta Davison and Madeline Hursh.

Wayne Roy Rowe was born, August 8, 1922 on a farm in Stuart, Okla. He was the youngest of six children born to Charles Rowe and Agnes (Lewis) Rowe. He graduated from Kiowa High School, where he played on the varsity football team and Mona Lee was in the pep club.

The Rowes eloped in a double ceremony with friends Robert Wayne Sherill and Florence Miller in Ada, and then moved to Corpus Christi, where Mr. Rowe had a job with the Borden

Dairy Company.

Mr. Rowe joined the Navy Seabees and served as 3rd Class Machinist, stationed in the Marshall Islands during World War II. After his discharge, he returned to McAlester, Okla., and his growing family. Then to Oklahoma City with the Borden Company, and on to Tulsa to be the branch manager of the Borden Ice Cream & Milk division, where he grew the business until his retirement in 1985.

The Rowes lived the first few years of retirement at their home on Grand Lake, but moved back to Tulsa, where they lived in their home till their passing.

Mr. Rowe beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather died January 7, 2011 at the age of 88.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Charles Rowe, Connie Andrews, Thelma Keplinger, Ora Fairles and Rex Rowe; and his devoted wife, Mona Lee.

The Rowe's are survived by daughters, Rita, of Tulsa, and Paula Jones and husband Ron Stevens, of Ft. Myers, Fla.; son, Bob Rowe and wife Tracy, of Bartlesville, Okla.; grandchildren Cory Tibbs and wife Lesa, of Atlanta, Chris Jones and wife Kim, of Jacksonville, Fla., Shanda James and husband Brian of, Jenks, Okla., Valeska Littlefield, of Tulsa and Shelby Rowe, of Fayetteville, Ark.; great-grandchildren, Nathan, Jacob and Kaitlyn James, Tabitha and Hannah Littlefield, Austin and Trevor Greer and Micaiah Kaiser.

For the fact that they were such wonderful parents, grandparents and friends our family grieves, but the sorrow is eased by the knowledge that they are once more happily together forever.

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Chickasaw Nation Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 21, 2011

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert (Late arrival; 9:01 a.m.), Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Member absent: Mary Jo Green

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Dana Lance, Tom Bolitho, Michael L. Wingo, Frank Johnson, S. Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Alexander.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 17, 2010

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the minutes of December 17, 2010.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2010, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

No report.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 28-015, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Newcastle New Gaming Building

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Newcastle New Gaming Building, Project Number 1124-NEW-GAM-C in the amount of \$5,481,850.00. This proposal involves the design, engineering and construction of a new 16,000 square foot building to house a drive thru smoke shop, add office space for accounting personnel and approximately 500 new gaming machines on the Newcastle Gaming site.

The Newcastle Gaming Center continues to experience a steady growth in business. Coupled with this increase in business, there is an ever present increase in demand to provide more opportunities for our customers and provide adequate space for our employees to work. These improvements are necessary to meet the demands of our customers, our employees, and generate additional revenues for the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve GR28-015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-015 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 28-016, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Ardmore Senior Center

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Ardmore Senior Center, Project Number 20-0088-09, in the amount of \$3,647,837.00. The Chickasaw Nation holds its elders in high esteem and works hard to provide the best service and care for them. The Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers help enhance the quality of life for Chickasaw elders by providing programs and facilities geared for their specific needs and desires. The center provides a place for elders to come together and eat nutritious balanced meals, play games, exercise, enjoy arts and crafts, and benefit from the company of friends and family.

The existing Ardmore senior site has served the community well, but with the increased use the program has outgrown the capacity of the current location to provide adequate service to our elders. The proposed new Senior Center will allow the program to continue to grow and benefit the Ardmore and Carter County areas.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve GR28-016.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-016 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 28-017, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, to expand the Capitol Campus for Self-determination.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve GR28-017.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR28-017 carried unanimously.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Connie Barker

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woerz presented plaques to staff members Mr. Robert Cheadle for 10 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation and Tribal Legislature, and to Ms. Marilyn Coltz for 15 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation and Tribal Legislature.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Dean McManus, Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Note of Thanks

The family of Patsy Correa is greatly honored and thankful for all who have supported us in so many ways. Although it is a sad time for us, we know that Pat would want to see us all smiling.

We are blessed that the Lord shared Pat with us for 65 years and happy that she shared great friendships with hundreds of beautiful people that continue to reach us.

Stories that have been shared, poems and letters from miles away. Flowers from afar

(two the Family of Fire), delicious food, and generous donations that was setup by her beautiful children of five for Cancer research, and the support of many amazing people as we go about our days and continue to remember our great times shared with Pat. We will forever be thankful for helping us make Pat's funeral so beautiful.

Thank you again, the Father, the Family of Five from all of us, our family to all of yours.

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Indian health care web site launched

A new Indian health care site has recently been launched by the American Indian Health User Group.

The site is <http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov/>

This portal brings together health and medical resources important to Indian people and health care providers. This site includes

policies, consumer health information, ways to access health care and research.

The site has four sections: Health Topics, People and Traditions, Programs and Services, and Research and Data.

The site offers easy-to-understand information to help Indian people learn

about health issues and live healthier lives. It also offers information and tools for professionals who provide health care services to Indian patients.

The American Indian Health Web portal is sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

FEBRUARY 2011 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 28-018
Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Pontotoc County**

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept, as a gift, real property in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma described as follows: All of Lots 17 and 18 in Block 91, of the Original Townsite of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Property Location: 130 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma (McSwain Theatre)

Use: Theater

Purpose: Economic Development/non-gaming

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

**General Resolution Number 28-019
Approval of Development Budget Amendment****Madill Senior Center Addition**

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Madill Senior Center Addition, Project Number 20-0058-05 in the amount of \$246,500.00, as more particularly described in Exhibit A.

The Chickasaw Nation, through the Division of Aging, helps to enhance the quality of life of our elders by providing

programs and facilities geared for their specific needs and desires. The existing facility is used to serve hot, nutritious meals to its elders and to provide a facility for social interaction through games, crafts, exercise, etc.

The Madill Senior Site has served the community well, but with the increased use the program has outgrown the capacity of the building to provide adequate service to our elders. The building needs to be expanded and renovated so the program can continue to grow and serve the Madill and Marshall County areas.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number GR28-020**Approval of Application for Funding Grants for Native American****Language Preservation and Maintenance**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Administration of Children and Families; Administration for Native Americans for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture preserve the Chickasaw language. The grant will provide for the digitization of both "A Chickasaw Dictionary" and "Chickasaw, An Ana-

lytical Dictionary." Both dictionaries would then be available on the Internet with a hyper-link to an audio file. The application requests federal funding in the amount of \$150,000.00.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Executive Ad Hoc Committee**January 28, 2011**

Present: Connie Barker, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, David Woerz

Absent: Linda Briggs, Steve Woods

February 14, 2011

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

Finance Committee**February 8, 2011**

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

February 14, 2011

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Health Care Committee**February 8, 2011**

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, David Woerz

Human Resources Committee**February 8, 2011**

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

February 14, 2011

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Land Development Committee**February 8, 2011**

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, David Woerz

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